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Comrades; ^{Amie} please reply &

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Please advise me upon a
problem of personal tactics.

I have lived in the Soviet
union from Oct. 1955 to July 1962.

I had, in 1959, in Moscow, tried
to legally discontinue my United
States citizenship in favor of Soviet
citizenship, however, I did not
complete the legal formalities for this.

Having come back to the U. S.
in 1962 and thrown myself
into the struggle for progress
and freedom in the United
States, I would like to know
whether, in your opinion, I can
continue to fight, handicapped as
it were, by my past record, can
I still, under these circumstances, compete

anti-progressive forces, above-
ground or whether in your opinion
should always remain in the
background, i.e. underground.

Our opponents could use my
background of work in the
U.S.S.R. against any cause which
I join, by association, they could
say the organization of which I
am a member, is Russian controlled,
ect. I am sure you see my
point.

I could of course openly proclaim,
(if pressed on the subject) that
I wanted to dissolve my American
citizenship as a personal protest
against the policy of the U.S. government
in supporting dictatorships, ect.,

But what do you think I should

do? which is the best tactic
in general?

Should I dissociate myself from
all progressive activities?

Here in New Orleans, I am
secretary of the local branch of
the "Fair Play For Cuba Committee",
a position which, frankly, I have
used to foster communist ideas.
On a local radio show, I was
attacked by Cuban exile organization
representatives for my residence act,
in the Soviet Union. / 12

I feel I may have compromised
the C.P.C., so you see that
I need the advice of trusted,
long time fighters for progress.
Please advise.

With affectional greeting
Sincerely
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