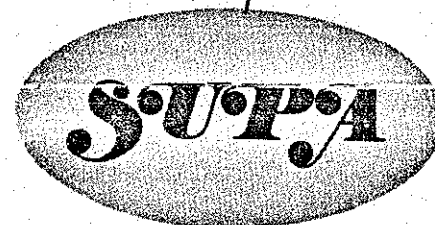


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Dear Ed:

I have read and re-read your letter several times. It is well thought out and I can't disagree with it in any respect.

As you can see stationary is now available to the present officers of SUPA. Frankly, I didn't remember all the officers myself. Although I can't speak for the others (and besides I think my term will be up come February), I see no reason why those in office should not resign in order to have an open election. However, unless the membership is of a reasonable number it may make little difference. In any event most of us are primarily concerned in getting something going and will be only too happy to pass on the baton to others. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the other SUPA officers and hopefully they will comment to you or me as to their feelings about an open election come February. Your reason, of course, is to ward off emotional reaction to self-installation of the founders beyond the incubation period.

I am also including a copy of a letter to Roger Ditzel from Niels Reimers that is self-explanatory. The point I would like to make is that SUPA may wind up as a subgroup of LES or perhaps of SRA. I, for one, am not ruling either of these possibilities out, and at the February meeting intend to put the issue on the

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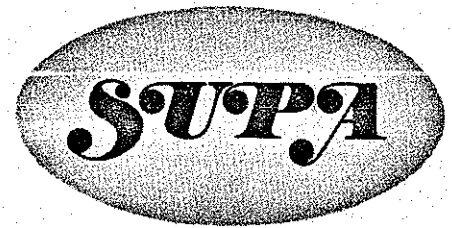
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floor. There are many inherent advantages in going in this direction if the SUPA charter can be preserved. In such event, your present concerns would become moot.

Thanks again for your thoughtful letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Larry'.

Lawrence Gilbert

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