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Dear Comrade Lukacs,

I have to apologise to you for not having written up till now. During summer I was ill with double Pneumonia and was away from work for 10 weeks, and when I returned I found so much work to clear up that I am just slowly doing so.

I would like to thank you very much for your kindness in sending me your book "German Literature in the Age of Imperialism" which I enjoyed very much. I have gone through it carefully and I am afraid that owing to the present conditions in the English book trade the book will not have an appeal to the English public, as the authors discussed in this book are practically unknown to the majority of intellectuals in this country.

Since I wrote to you last time there have only been two reviews of your book "Studies in European Realism", one in the Times Literary Supplement and one a broadcast on the B.B.C which was not published but of which I have succeeded in obtaining the script. I am enclosing a copy of both reviews herewith.

Another publisher has just issued Comrade Revai's criticism of your work with an introduction by Eric Hobsbawm, a young Marxist historian from Cambridge. I am sending it to you under separate cover.

I shall send you a statement of account at the end of the year showing the position of the book. So far the book is selling very slowly. This may be due to a number of reasons, such as the unfamiliarity of your work in England, the high cost of books and the lack of money amongst people, and particularly the fact that it has been practically boycotted by the Bourgeois Press.

The Editor of the Modern Quarterly has informed me that

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he hopes to have a long review of the book published in the December issue.

With regard to a new book of yours to be published, I am still hoping that you will one day do a book either on Soviet literature or on English literature. In the light of Comrade Revai's criticism I am personally looking forward to your work on Soviet literature.

I do not recollect having had an acknowledgement from you that you received Caudwell's books.

There has recently appeared here in England a Marxist study of Bernard Shaw, which I am sending you under separate cover as I am sure you will find it of interest.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely.

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