

Budapest, 20/1/1971.

Dear Comrade Aptheker,

I can inform you about the following progress in the Davis-case. First of all: the text of the protest and the list of the signers attached to my letter were forwarded to the world press last week, and I think they have been published in the greatest continental newspapers. The list is not complete: the Italian names will arrive in a week or so, and because of technical obstacles, but primarily because of the illness of Aragon the probable French supporters of the protest have not yet indicated their participation. I try to convince Picasso through Aragon to join our action; his name would mean very much to the American public opinion. Besides, you are naturally authorized to publish the text and the list anywhere in the American press.

It was my request to Professor Günther Ander /1090 Wien, Lackierergasse 1/5, Austria/, a convinced socialist, a man of integrity and principles /perhaps you are acquainted with his activity in the Russell-Sartre Vietnam-committee/ to continue the organization of the protest. He is younger than I am and in Vienna he can act more easily. Please consult any further step in the continent with him.

My further suggestions are the following. I am informed that a longlasting trial in the United States is extremely expensive. I am ready at any moment indicated by you or by the lawyers of Angela Davis to initiate a campaign of collection by offering a sum of 2000 \$ for the expenses of the trial. Please send me a message if and when Angela Davis needs this sum and this kind of activity.

Finally: I think that it would be a contribution to the campaign of protest if we published the works of Angela Davis. I have heard that she had written a treatise on Kant's Critique of Judgment and also one on the modern novel. If she is willing to publish them and if I can agree at least with the general outlines of these works, I would quite readily write a foreword to both or to one of them. But any case I can place them in West-Germany, Italy, Hungary, etc. with publishers. Please consult the question with Comrade Davis through her lawyers and if she is in accordance with the idea, I ask you to send me the works as soon as possible.

Fraternally:

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/Georg Lukács/

PS. I have just recently received a very kind and fraternal letter from Comrade Berlinguer in which he reports on the progress of the Davis-campaign organized by the Italian party, and promises every kind of activity that is