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Dear Georg Lukács,

Do you remember that, when I and my wife called upon you early in August, you said that you knew a young man who was doing some excellent studies of English and American literature?

STUDIES ON THE LEFT is now preparing a special Literature in the Americas issue. It will be published early in 1964, perhaps April.

Perhaps you will tell that young man, the next time you talk with him, about this opportunity for him to publish in America. We would be glad to see his work. We can best judge it, and he will save us considerable trouble, if he writes in English. But we could find a Hungarian translator.

If you would prepare an essay for us on some aspect of American literature, we would be delighted. But I suppose that is too much to hope for. Your schedule is full, I know.

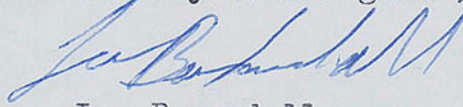
I have sent you a copy of that novel I mentioned to you, Clancy Sigal's GOING AWAY. It is a fine piece of writing. I hope you will enjoy it. Please let me know if it does not arrive in a month or so.

-- If you find GOING AWAY interesting, perhaps you would write a brief Book Review of it for STUDIES ON THE LEFT?

STUDIES would also feel privileged to publish your study of the Chinese-Soviet dispute. If you are favorably disposed to the idea, please send us a copy of your German text as soon as you have it prepared.

I sent a copy of STUDIES to you, containing K. Mannheim's old review of your THEORIE DES ROMANS. I think you will find our Introductory Remarks to Mannheim interesting. I would appreciate knowing whether you would agree with our assessment of Mannheim.

With my warm regards,



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2 November 1963

Dear Mr. Lukacs,

Your letter of October 28 has just arrived. I am sorry to hear that the book, and the copy of STUDIES with the Mannheim material, have not reached you. If you do not receive them within another month, please write me to this effect, and I will send another copy of the STUDIES and do what I can about the book.

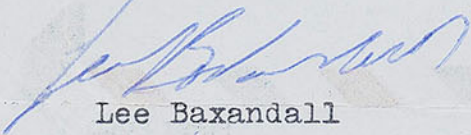
Your essay on the Chinese question arrived and I am translating it for publication in STUDIES in January. May I say that I think it a brilliant treatment of the problem, and a contribution to the struggle against neo-Stalinist sectarianism wherever it appears. And your guess about the Defeatist basis for the Chinese sympathizers in the West is, in general, quite accurate, to my way of thinking. The MONTHLY REVIEW continues to hold to this position, although they have not been so bold as to be articulate about it in recent months.

I quite understand your preoccupation with present tasks; I only suggest that you bear STUDIES in mind as an outlet, in the unlikely event that you should find both the time and the suitable material for us.

With my warmest wishes and respect,

Sincerely,

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Dear Prof. Lukacs:

Three months ago, I mailed you two copies of STUDIES ON THE LEFT in which appeared your essay on the Sino-Soviet Dispute. I hope that these have reached you safely. The article has excited considerable discussion here.

Just about 10 days ago, I sent you a copy of the most recent issue of STUDIES ON THE LEFT. It is our special Literature Issue. I hope that this too arrives at your doorstep.

In it is an article by Norman Fruchter, a young American novelist and an editor of STUDIES. In this article, Fruchter discusses in detail the perspective that you present in your Wider den missverstandenen Realismus; and he disputes some of your conclusions. With your analysis of modernist Western literature as decadent, he agrees. But he disagrees with your assumption that one need not analyze it much further than that.

In my opinion, Fruchter has raised the key questions which have been felt by many in the West concerning the thesis of this book. Fruchter moreover argues the case against your position with both coherence and understanding.

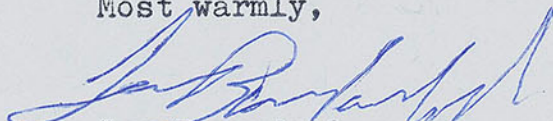
I realize that your time is extremely rationed and valuable, and you cannot take issue with every criticism of your views that is published.

Nonetheless, I feel that Fruchter raises vital questions concerning your viewpoint, which you would find it of considerable importance to answer, however briefly. To respond to Fruchter would, in effect, be to clarify your position where it has been significantly questioned by a Left-wing writer who is at once deeply stimulated and deeply troubled by your ideas. The questions that Fruchter asks are asked by countless others of your readers..... but have seldom been so well formulated.

This is, then, an invitation. We will be happy to publish whatever you might wish to write in answer or clarification to Mr. Fruchter's article.

I want for my own part to wish you the very best in health and energy, so that you may complete your intended work and, in Budapest and elsewhere, provide the stimulus to a new generation of Marxists who will carry out the reconstruction of the movement.

Most warmly,



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