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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

December 19, 1953

Dear Professor Lukacs,

I am writing, personally, as an admirer of your acute and perceptive work in philosophy, esthetics, sociology and literary theory, and also, officially, on behalf of the Review of Metaphysics and at the request of its editor, Professor Paul Weiss. We are eager to have you join the Review in a new series of philosophical discussions, to be known as Interrogations. In each such Interrogation, a distinguished contemporary philosopher shall be queried by a large forum of his philosophical colleagues and critics. The questions shall be submitted to the philosopher. His responsive discussions, together with the critiques which stimulated them, shall then be published in the Review of Metaphysics, perhaps in special form. An editor would be appointed for each Interrogation, to assist in collecting the critiques and in assembling the final Interrogation; however there will be no editorial restrictions on the philosopher (except length, possibly) who shall reply and expound his views as he sees fit. Among those who have agreed to submit to such public Interrogation are the recent Gifford lecturer Brand Blanshard, the philosopher of culture F. S. C. Northrop, the philosophical psychologist Karl Jaspers. A number of others in this country and abroad have been asked.

The Review of Metaphysics is an international journal which is devoted to the promotion of technically competent, definitive contributions to philosophical knowledge. Not associated with any school or group, not the organ of any association or institution, it is interested in persistent, resolute inquiries into root questions, regardless of the writer's affiliations.

It gives me considerable pleasure to invite you to permit an Interrogation to be developed about your own work in philosophy, esthetics, and the social sciences. I think this international forum might be a substantial stimulant to lively and productive thought and reflection in many countries. Furthermore, it could be a serious and uncompromised demonstration of international good will and fellowship in the search for honest perspective and objective truth, even while it will, no doubt, exhibit certain basic divergencies of view. Perhaps you may wish to arrange simultaneous publication in an East European journal while we publish the Interrogation in the Review of Metaphysics, either in the new and valuable Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie or the Voprosy Filosofii or a Hungarian journal, or as a supplement to one of these as the editors might wish.

It is usual for the philosopher whose work is to be discussed to help determine the list of invited participants. In your own case, this assistance is especially needed. I have drawn up the following list of names as suggestions, but I would hope to receive your own personal list, if you can accept our invitation. You will see that these names represent a fairly wide range of opinion and occupation, which seems appropriate in view of the range and audience of your works. (I have given some identification for most of them, although they would be writing as individuals).

Paul Tillich (Union Theological Seminary, New York City)
Herbert Marcuse (Harvard)
Paul M. Sweezy (editor of the socialist journal Monthly Review, New York City)
Franz Neumann (Columbia)
Fritz Sternberg (New School for Social Research, New York City)
Howard Selsam (Jefferson School for Social Science, and U.S. Communist Party)
Richard McKeon (University of Chicago and UNESCO)

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Karl Korsch (Boston)
Vernon Venable (Vassar College)
A. G. Balz (University of Virginia)
Scott Buchanan (former Dean of St. John's College; Richmond, Massachusetts)
Stanley Moore (Reed College)
Norman Rudich (Wesleyan)
Otto Nathan (New York University)
Hans Kelsen (University of California)
Karl Löwith (New School for Social Research)
Sidney Hook (New York University)
Herbert Aptheker (Jefferson School and U.S. Communist Party)
Harry K. Wells (Jefferson School)
Barrington Moore (Russian Research Center of Harvard University)
Ernest J. Simmons (Columbia)
Marvin Farber (University of Buffalo) and editor Philosophy & Phenomenological Research)
Bernhard Stern (Columbia University and editor, Science and Society)
Abraham Edel (College of the City of New York)
Harry Slochower (New York City)
Henry F. Mins (New York City and Science and Society)

John Lewis (University of London and editor, Modern Quarterly)
Maurice Cornforth (editor, Lawrence and Wishart, London)
Roy Pascal (University of Birmingham)
George Thomson (University of Birmingham)
Maurice Dobb (Cambridge)
Christopher Hill (Oxford)
Isaiah Berlin (Harvard and Oxford)
Arnold Kettle (University of Leeds)
M. Ginsburg (University of London)
Rudolf Schlesinger (University of Glasgow and editor, Soviet Studies)
T. A. Jackson (England)
Jack Lindsay (England)
Randall Swingler (England)
R. H. Thomas (Birmingham)
E. H. Carr (London)
G. R. G. Mure (Oxford)
T. M. Knox (Edinburgh)

Auguste Cornu (Leipzig)
E. Bloch (Leipzig)
Fred Oelsner (Berlin)

Henri Lefebvre (Paris)
Rene Maublanc (Paris, and editor, La Pensee)
Jean Kanapa (Paris, and editor, La Nouvelle Critique)
J.-P. Sartre (Paris)
M. Merleau-Ponty (Paris)
Jean Wahl (Paris)
Jean Hyppolite (Paris)
Louis Aragon (Paris)
Cecile Angrand (Paris)
Raymond Beyer (Paris)

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Henri Mouglin (Paris)
Thomas Mann (Switzerland)
I. M. Bochenski (Switzerland)
G. A. Wetter (Rome)
G. La Pissa (Rome)
T. Adorno (Hamburg)
M. Horkheimer (Frankfurt)
Josef Hromadka (Prague)
Ladislav Stoll (Prague)
M. Mitin (Moscow)
G. Alexandrov (Leningrad)
M. Leonov (Moscow)
A. Konstantinov (Moscow)
M. Rozental (Moscow)
B. Kedrov (Moscow)
P. F. Yudin (Kiev)
M. T. Yovchuk (Moscow)

F. Gregoire (Louvain)
N. Rotenstreich (Jerusalem)

You will notice that I have not included many persons from purely literary occupations, Mann and Aragon being exceptions. Perhaps you will want to include such persons; I think of Sholokhov, Raj Anand and Howard Fast on the Left, Eliot, Penn Warren, Pritchett among non-Leftists. Perhaps, also, you will want to suggest persons from other countries, in Asia, South America and elsewhere whose views you would want to consider. The only requirement would be a devotion to the serious consideration of your works.

Will you accept this means of saluting your thought and work? Please write to me at the above address at your early convenience. In the happy event that you accept, please send me a list of your publications and any other thoughts on procedure, as well as on the list of participants, which you may wish. If you accept, I shall immediately assume the duties of editor of the Lukacs Interrogation, send out invitations to participants, and subsequently send their critical contributions to you. It could be a very exciting enterprise!

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Cohen

Robert S. Cohen
Asst. Prof. of Physics and Philosophy

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19 December 1953

Werter Herr Professor Lukacs,

Es gereicht mir zum grossen Freude, diesen Brief an Sie zu richten, erstens da ich seit längerer Zeit Ihre scharfsinnige und feinfühlig philosphische, esthetische, soziologische und literar-theoretische Arbeit sehr rich habe schätzen lernen, und, zweitens, da ich im Namen der Review of Metaphysics und seines Schriftleiters, Professor Paul Weiss (Yale Universität), beauftragt bin, Sie einzuladen, teilzunehmen an einer von unseren neueren Reihen von philosophischen Auseinandersetzungen, die wir "Interrogations" nennen. In jeder von diesen "Interrogationen" werden an einen hervorragenden Philosophen philosophische Fragen von seinen zeitgenössischen Kollegen gerichtet. Diese Fragen werden dann den betreffenden Philosophen übermittlelt und zum Studium und zur Beantwortung vorgelegt. Diese Ausarbeitung seiner Antworten, wie auch die Fragen, die sie hervorriefen, werden dann in der Review of Metaphysics herausgegeben, möglichenfalls in einer Sonderausgabe oder Beilage. Für jede Interrogation wird ein Schriftleiter ernannt, dessen Aufgabe est ist, Kritiken zu sammeln und bei der Redaktion der Fragen und Ihrer Beantwortung derselben behilflich zu sein.

Der betreffenden Philosophen werden von der Schfirtleitung keinerlei Einschränkungen auferlegt, es sei denn in der etweigen Länge des Manuskripts, and de, Philosophen wird die vollste Freiheit in der Beantwortung der Fragen und der Erklärung seines eigenen philosophischen Standpunktes gestattet. Zurzeit haben drei Philosophen einer solchen Einladung Folge geleistet: der neulich ernannte Gifford Lecturer, Professor Brand Blanshard, an der Yale Universität, und der bekannte vergleichendes kulturphilosoph, F. S. C. Northrop, ebenfalls von Yale, und Karl Jaspers. Eine Reihe anderer Philosophen sind zudem noch zu dieser besonderen Mitarbeit eingeladen.

Die Review of Metaphysics ist eine internationale Zeitschrift, welche sich der Beförderung der fachmännigen philosophischen Entwicklung widmet. Die Zeitschrift gehört zu keiner philosophischen Gruppe oder Schule und ist nicht das Organ irgendwelcher Gesellschaft oder Aустalten. Sie will lediglich dem Zwecke dienen, Kernprobleme in der Philosophie gründlich und folgerichtig zu erforschen, unbeachtet des Standpunkts den der Philosoph einnimmt.

Wie gesagt, es ist mir eine grossen Freude, und ich empfinde es als eine grosse Ehre, Sie im Namen der Zeitschrift einzuladen, uns eine solche Interrogation zu bewilligen betreffs Zentralfragen in Ihren Werken auf dem Gebiet der Philosophie, der Esthetik, und in den Geisteswissenschaften im allgemeinen. Es scheint mir, dass eine solche internationale Auseinandersetzung viel dazu beitragen würde, eine lebhaft und produktive internationale Arbeit auf diesen Gebieten anzuregen. Ferner scheint mir eine solche internationale Zusammenarbeit eine ausgezeichnete Gelegenheit zu bieten, den Beweis du bringen, dass der gute Wille zur aufrichtigen, vorurteilsfreien, und sachlichen Erforschung der objektiven Wahrheit undet philosophischem Forschern möglich ist, wenn auch, natürlichgenug, bedeutende Verschiedenstreiten in der philosophischen Einstellung zur erwarten sind.

Vielleicht möchten Sie ein gleichzeitige Veröffentlichung dieser Auseinandersetzung in osteuropaischen Zeitschriften veranstalten, so dass sie gleich-

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zeit mit dem Erscheinen in der Review of Metaphysics in der neuen und geschätzten Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie, oder in den Voprosy Filosofii, oder in ein ungarischen Zeitschrift, erscheinen würde, beziehungsweise auch in einer von diesen Zeitschriften als eine besondere Beilage.

Fall es Ihnen möglich ist, wie ich es lebhaft hoffe, unserer Einladung Folge zu leisten, würden wir Sie bitten, uns behilflich zu sein in der Aufgabe von qualifizierten Teilnehmern an dieser Besprechung. Dieser Hilfe Ihrerseits ist uns in Ihrem Falle besonders nötig. Ich habe versucht, eine Liste der Namen von Personen aufzuzeichnen, die vermutlich an dieser Auseinandersetzung mit Nutzen und Erfolg teilnehmen könnten. Wir hoffen, dass Sie uns Ihrerseits eine Liste der Namen von Mitarbeitern übermitteln möchten, die sich, Ihres Erachtens, zu dieser Arbeit empfehlen würden. Sie werden sehen, dass die Namen die ich hier vorführe, einen ziemlich weiter Kreis von philosophischen Einstellungen und Beschäftigungen darstellen, wie das auch angesichts des Umfangs und des weiter Leserkreises Ihrer Werke angebracht scheint. (Ich habe in der Angabe der Namen der Personen auch ihre Bestätigung oder ihren Beruf zum Zweck der leichteren Identifizierung ausgegeben; in ihrer Mitarbeit würden diese Personen natürlich nur ihr persönliches Denken vorführen.)

Paul Tillich (Union Theological Seminary, New York City)
Herbert Marcuse (Harvard University)
Paul M. Sweezy (Schriftleiter Monthly Review, eine sozialistische Zeitschrift, New-York)
Franz Neumann (Columbia Universität)
Fritz Sternberg (New School for Social Research, New-York)
Howard Selsam (Jefferson School for Social Science, und K.P.U.S.A.)
Richard McKeon (Chicago Universität und UNESCO)
Karl Korsch (Boston)
Vernon Venable (Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, U.S.A.)
A.G. Balz (Virginia Universität)
Scott Buchanan (früher St-John's College Dekan; Richmond, Massachusetts)
Stanley Moore (Reed College, Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.)
Norman Rudich (Wesleyan Universität)
Otto Nathan (New-York Universität)
Hans Kelsen (California Universität)
Karl Löwith (New School for Social Research, New-York)
Sidney Hook (New-York Universität)
Herbert Aptheker (Jefferson School for Social Science und K.P.U.S.A.)
Harry J. Wells (Jefferson School for Social Science)
Barrington Moore (Harvard Universität, Russian Research Center)
Ernest J. Simmons (Columbia Universität)
Marvin Farber (Buffalo Universität und Schriftleiter, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research)
Bernard Stern (Columbia Universität und Schriftleiter, Science and Society)
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Harry Slochower (New-York City)
Henry F. Mins (New-York, und Science and Society)
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Maurice Cornforth (Schriftleiter von Lawrence & Wishart, London)
Roy Pascal (Birmingham Universität)
George Thomson (Birmingham Universität)

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Auguste Cornu (Leipzig)
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Sie werden bemerkt haben, dass ich in meiner Liste nur wenige Personen angegeben habe, die ausschliesslich literarisch tätig sind; Thomas Mann und Aragon sind Ausnahmen. Fall Sie andere Literaten vorschlagen möchten, wurde ich Sie bitten, solche Namen in Ihrer Liste einzufügen. In diesem Zusammenhang kommen mir folgende Personen in der Sinn: Sholokhov, Raj Anand, Howard Fast, als Literaten von radikaler Einsetzung, und T. S. Eliot, Penn Warren, Pritchett als nicht-radikale. Es kann möglich sein, dass Sie Kollegen von anderen Ländern wie Asien, Süd-Amerika und anderswo vorschlagen möchten. Die einzige Bedingung für jeweilige Mitarbeiter würde sein, dass sie sich einensächlich ernsthaften Untersuchung Ihres Denkens widmen würden.

Darf ich hoffen, dass Sie diese Einladung als Anerkennung Ihres Denkens und Ihrer Arbeit annehmen werden? Ich möchte Sie bitten, mir sobald wie möglich Ihre Antwort zur Übermitteln. Sollte Ihr Entschluss günstig sein, wie ich es mir zu hoffen erlaube, würden Sie die Güte haben, mir eine Liste Ihrer Veröffentlichungen zu schicken, wie auch die Liste der Mitarbeiter, die Innenausschreiben scheinen. Auch Vorschläge Ihrerseits betreffs der besten Durchführung dieses Unternehmens würde uns erwünscht sein. Falls Ihr Entschluss günstig ist, so werde ich zugleich die Verantwortung für die Schriftleitung der Lukacs-Interrogation übernehmen, und die Einladungen an Mitarbeiter absenden, und dann später die Fragen und ihre Erklärungen an Sie zu Übermitteln. Meines Erachtens könnte dieses Unternehmen sich sehr anregend und bedeutungsvoll gestalten.

Mit herzlichsten Grüßen,

Robert S. Cohen

Robert S. Cohen
Assistant Professor of Physics and Philosophy

Professor Georg Lukacs
University of Budapest
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

February 25, 1954

Dear Professor Lukacs,

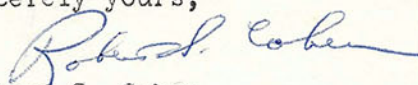
Although I was disappointed to receive your letter of January 6 in which you decline my invitation, I was glad to learn that you are hoping to complete your treatise on esthetics. I will look forward to reading and studying ^{it} with very great care.

Perhaps when it has been published, and when you have become stronger again, you will be able to accept such a congratulatory enterprise as I had hoped to edit for you. I shall write you again on this matter after your esthetic appears.

Can you suggest another Marxist philosopher whom we might invite to such an Interrogation?

With warm wishes for your health,

Sincerely yours,



Robert S. Cohen

Can you send me a list of your own publications for my own use? I would much appreciate this.

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700 Commonwealth Avenue, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02215

February 18, 1966

Professor Gyorgy Lukacs
Belgrad rakpart 2
Budapest V, Hungary

Dear Professor Lukacs,

Our mutual friend Eva Berczeller has completed a quite satisfactory English translation of your 1947 work on the crisis of bourgeois philosophy. As you know so well, the greater part of this work appeared in France, and the French publisher, Nagel, claims rights to all translations. The French edition was translated originally from the Hungarian, and my German edition certainly does not appear to have been arranged with Nagel. However, we must assume at present that your contract with Nagel was binding at least for an English or American edition. The difficulty which Nagel has posed for us is simple: they ask for an outrageous fee of \$1,000 plus a high royalty on every copy sold. The American Institute for Marxist Studies wishes to sponsor the book, and the Humanities Press of New York has fully agreed to serve as publisher. But the Nagel fee and royalty is much too high for either the publisher or the Institute. I have been advised by a publisher's attorney, serving one of the several leading international publishers in the United States, that we might be able to make a serious countermove if we could have a copy of your contract with Nagel. He finds it difficult to believe that your contract is so completely favorable to Nagel outside of the French world market. Would you therefore please arrange to have a copy of this contract sent to me to the above address by registered air post?

I have one other question of a more intellectual nature about this project. To what extent would you prefer to have the material in the first volume of your Aesthetik supplement or even replace parts of the 1947 book in our English edition? I would, for example, like to know where in your subsequent writings you have modified or expanded the serious criticism which you gave of Existentialism and of Positivism. I am sure you understand that I am not pressing you in any direction, certainly not in the direction of softening your criticism, but only seeking to have a more complete work for a 1967 edition in English.

One of the best new friends I made in Budapest was Gyorgy Markús, and to my delight he and his wife have just arrived here in Boston where they will live for three or four months.

With warm greetings,

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert S. Cohen".

Robert S. Cohen
Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Physics
Chairman, American Institute for Marxist Studies

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700 Commonwealth Avenue, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02215

March 21, 1966

Dr. Gyorgy Lukacs
V Belgrade fkp 2
Budapest, Hungary

Dear Professor Lukacs:

Together with the distinguished Negro playwright and actor, Ossie Davis, and the American historian, Staughton Lynd, I have invited a large number of American scholars, radicals, and liberal religious figures to honor Dr. Herbert Aptheker on the occasion of publication of his twentieth book and his fiftieth birthday. There will be a public dinner for him on April 28 at the Hotel New York Hilton in New York City at which a number of speakers will talk about his interests and his achievements.

If you feel that you know of Dr. Aptheker's work in sufficient detail and if, furthermore, you have a sufficiently high evaluation of him and of his scholarship, I invite you to send a message to be read at the dinner. This would be most deeply appreciated by the sponsors and, of course, by Dr. Aptheker.

Such a message should be sent by registered air mail either to me at the address on this letterhead above, or to Mrs. Louise Thompson at the American Institute for Marxist Studies, 20 East 30th St., New York, New York 10016, to arrive no later than April 19 and preferably sooner.

With warm appreciation for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert S. Cohen".

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Professor
Chairman, Department of Physics

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10 July 1966

Dear Professor Lukacs,

I shall visit Budapest from July 21st through 25th, with my two sons, ages 15 and 17. We will stay at the flat of my dear friends Gyorgy and Marisa Markus; perhaps Markus has informed you of this. He of course is still in America. Of course I very much hope you will be in Budapest, and that you will have a little time when I might visit you. There is much to do with the American Institute for Marxist Studies which we might discuss more easily than it has been possible to do by letter.

Naturally I shall understand that you might not find it convenient or possible to see me. Please do not make any special arrangement to do so.

With cordial best wishes,

(Boston University
and also A.I.M.S.)

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17 October 1966

Professor Gyorgy Lukacs
V Belgrade Fkp 2
Budapest. Hungary

Dear Professor Lukacs:

Please permit me to trouble you about a matter of business rather than philosophy.

The publisher of books which are sponsored by the American Institute for Marxist Studies is Mr. Simon Silverman of the Humanities Press in New York. During his recent trip to Europe, he discussed the possibility of publishing your two works in concert with the Merlin Press of London. The two works, of course, are the introductory long section from the first volume of your Ästhetik and the Geschichte und Klassenbewusstsein, together with your prospective new introduction to the new edition. The director of Merlin Press is, as you know, Martin Eve, who has published several of your works in English before and who has just brought out a translation of your book on Goethe. Mr. Eve expressed considerable surprise and pointed out to Mr. Silverman that he felt quite sure that he had exclusive rights to all English translations of your works. Indeed he felt that you had agreed to this some years ago.

Would you let me know whether your agreement with Mr. Eve does in fact include all your works as they become translated into English? Is it restricted to works of a literary character, or in any other way?

One might think that it really doesn't matter since we offered co-publication with him any way. However he has a commercial agreement with another American firm. Naturally, a work by you under A.I.M.S. sponsorship would bestow considerable prestige and possibly financial benefit to the Institute as an intellectual-political factor in American life. Hence, while I would be delighted to see your works available in American under any publisher's imprint, I am still eager to find out whether these two could specifically be published by Humanities Press under A.I.M.S.

Would you therefore kindly look into the text of your agreement or contract with Martin Eve of the Merlin Press, and let me know? I suppose another factor may be that we are preparing to institute the translation at once whereas Mr. Eve appears to have a slower schedule.

With affectionate regards and respect,

Robert S. Cohen
Professor
Chairman, Dept. of Physics

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* You recall that you agreed to permitting AIMS to bring out American editions when I talked with you in the mountains last July.

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700 Commonwealth Avenue, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02215

16 November 1966

Professor Gyorgy Lukacs
V Belgrade rkp 2
Budapest, HUNGARY

Dear Professor Lukacs:

One of the most humane and most perceptive of American social scientists, the anthropologist Oscar Lewis, will spend two days in Budapest next month with the express purpose of meeting you. He will arrive from Warsaw in the early morning of December 22nd, and he will leave on the morning of December 24th for Rome. I think you would find him enlightening, and I have much hope that you will agree to receive him. Perhaps the morning of December 22nd or 23rd would be convenient for you, if I am right that you do have an hour for visitors about 11 each day.

Oscar Lewis has written three books of enormous scientific and literary interest. Perhaps you have heard of them: *THE CHILDREN OF SANCHEZ*, *FIVE FAMILIES*, and *PEDRO MARTINEZ*. I hope that Gjuri and Marisa Markus are acquainted with these works and that they can tell you about them. Professor Lewis has developed an anthropological approach to what he calls the "culture of poverty", both in an exploited country such as Mexico and within an advanced industrial country, namely the United States. He has admired your work very deeply, and I believe it would greatly benefit him if you would receive him.

Would you be kind enough to write to him at Department of Anthropology, 109 Davenport Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801, or if you prefer you might write to me, and I will transmit your message.

With affectionate regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert".

Robert S. Cohen
Professor
Chairman, Dept. of Physics

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Greetings
from
Robert, Robin, Michael
Daniel and Deborah
Cohen



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Design contributed by Rudi Bass.

"Alle Menschen, gleichgeboren, sind ein adliges Geschlecht" Heinrich Heine
"All mankind, created equal, is one noble human race"



Rudi Bass

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

700 Commonwealth Avenue, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02215

14 March 1968

Dr. Gyorgy Markus
Martirok utca 40
Budapest II, HUNGARY

Dear Gjuri:

Please tell Vajda that at long last AIMS and the Humanities Press have agreed to an American edition of 1,000 copies of his Husserl & Crisis of Western Science. Rough translation will be made in Budapest with final editorial polishing here. All manufacturing to be done in Hungary. If Vajda can hurry the matter, it would be to his benefit, wouldn't it? Otherwise I imagine it will take about one full year before it will be published here.

I am getting terribly annoyed at the American and British publishers who have delayed preparation of the legal rights for a translation of Geschichte & Klassenbewusstsein. As you remember, Lukacs told me AIMS could publish it, and that we could also use his new introduction to the Luchterhand edition. On the other hand, he also seems to remember telling the Merlin Press (Mr. Martin Eve) of London that they could have English rights to all his works. Merlin Press has a kind of cooperative arrangement with one American firm called Grosset & Dunlap; on the other hand, AIMS uses the Humanities Press as its publisher. A slight complication, to our benefit I guess, is that Merlin Press and Humanities Press have cooperated on many other publishing ventures. However, Grosset & Dunlap have not taken up the option to publish History and Class Consciousness, but they haven't refused it either. Just to add to difficulties, Mr. Eve of Merlin Press says, in typical British imprecise form, "I am running into trouble with the German publishers who are now handling the rights".

I suppose that I would very much like it if you could bring my greetings and affection to Lukacs, and ask whether he would kindly write a specific letter to Luchterhand which tells them that he has in fact granted English rights to this work to me on behalf of AIMS in American, with British co-publication rights to Merlin Press in England.

Can you kindly do this soon? Would it be much easier if I were to write such a request directly to Lukacs? I really hate to bother him and it ought to be quite simple to translate a book and publish it. However I know very little about legal rights, and it just might be the case that Luchterhand will have some way of upsetting the English edition.

With love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bobby".

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