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Dear Professor Lukacs,

Please excuse my taking the liberty to write you. I am an American student, writing a dissertation on Marx here in Paris. I will be coming to Hungary in July to attend a Conference at Veszprem, after which I hope to spend a few days in Budapest. My friend, J-M Domenach, director of Esprit, told me that when he saw you several months ago, you were working on a new interpretation of Marx's ontology. For that reason, I am writing in the hope that you would be kind enough to take some time and discuss some of your new ideas on Marx with me.

I realize that it is perhaps a bit pretentious to make such a request. However, my political activities in the US have convinced me that a renewal, a revivification of Marxist theory is absolutely necessary; without it all of our struggles-- for civil rights, against slum landlords, against the war in Vietnam and those wars-in-the-making in South America-- become only liberal soul-cleansing, escapist anarchism, or personal nihilism. I have been trying to introduce a theoretical element in my own publications; how successful they have been is difficult to gauge, especially from my vantage point here in France.

I certainly hope that you will be able to take the time to talk with me so that I can get the full advantage out of my travels to Hungary. The exact dates of my visit are not yet set; I will be in Veszprem from 1 July to 13 July, and could come to Budapest either shortly before then, or after the 13th.

Hoping to see you in Budapest, I am

Yours,



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PS. We can talk in either English or French; though I read German, I have had little occasion to speak it conversationally.

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