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Dear Professor Lukács,

I have taken the liberty of writing you in connection with the doctoral dissertation I am currently preparing at Harvard University. My topic is an intellectual history of the Institut für Sozialforschung during its initial years in Frankfurt and its period of exile in the United States. I have had the opportunity to speak with several former members of the Institut including Herbert Marcuse and Erich Fromm and have come to Europe to speak with Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer. I have also profited from conversations with people outside of the Institut's innercircle. Most of them, however, have commented on the work of the Institut from a non-Marxist point of view. I am most anxious to speak with someone from within the Marxist tradition and can think of no one as well qualified as yourself. I hope to be in Budapest in late April or early May and would greatly value the opportunity to speak with you if you can spare the time from what must be a very crowded schedule.

I will be in Frankfurt for three weeks before leaving for Montagnola to see Horkheimer. Thank you for any help you may offer with my dissertation.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Jay
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P.S. Because I have not yet found permanent lodgings in Frankfurt, the American Express is taking my mail. They will forward letters to Montagnola after I leave Frankfurt in mid-March.

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