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My dear Professor Lukacs,

Back in New York City now, Mary Cole and I want to let you know how much we enjoyed and appreciate our talk with you in Budapest.

I know how impossible it is for you to read all the publications that are sent you, But I nevertheless took the liberty of arranging with Monthly Review to send you two of their books that I think will interest you in connection with your work at this time. One is Monopoly Capitalism by Paul Baran and Paul Sweezy, a treatise undertaking the ambitious task of analyzing the new realities of the U.S. economy. It is eagerly read and discussed by the radical youth here who are turning increasingly to Marxist analyses for answers to their questions, but has not been so well received by those who claim the mantle of Marxism as a right from their past.

Paul now?

The second is Harry Magdoff's Age of Imperialism which provides the fundamental facts on the economic stakes of U.S. capitalism underlying U.S. imperialism -- a book long needed to dispell the growing ~~myth~~ myth, accredited even in socialist and "Marxist" circles that U.S. imperialism is quite different from what Lenin wrote about and is not motivated economically (only a few percent of U.S. national income is derived from foreign trade, and how can they ever recover from Vietnam what they've already spent on it, etc.) but by some kind of independent ideology and politics. In less than a year it sold over 10,000 copies here and has been translated into Japanese and practically every western European language. There is a German edition in West Germany and the Spanish edition is being circulated throughout Latin-America.

The editors of Monthly Review were very much interested in the book you are now working on. Also they indicated they wished to give you a complimentary subscription to the magazine and I expect you will soon be hearing from them accordingly.

With best wishes from Mary and me,

Sincerely,

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