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Dear Sir,

Recently I have been reading your book DER JUNGE HEGEL, and I should like to say how valuable and stimulating I have found it. As a matter of fact, I am writing a book myself on the same subject, and although my point of view is very different from yours, this has made your book all the more helpful to me, because it has forced me to examine afresh many of the points with which you deal, and to formulate carefully my reasons for differing from you. Of course I do not wish to exaggerate these differences of opinion. I am not a Marxist, and this fact makes disagreement with you in certain places inevitable, but there are very many other places where I have been glad to find confirmation for my views in your argument. If I may say so, your book seems to me to be, of all the books written on the same topic during the last 40 years, the most sober, the clearest, and the most illuminating.

I have just noticed in a French periodical a statement that you have been giving some lectures in Paris, and that some of your work is to appear in a French translation. I believe also that Professor Pascal of Birmingham is translating some of your essays into English. I am now writing to express the hope that you may feel able to contribute an article to THE PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY, which is a new periodical beginning publication in October 1950. We are anxious to attract articles from outside

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this country, and I should like to have an opportunity of making known your philosophical work to English-speaking readers. If you are prepared to look with favour on this suggestion, then perhaps I may add that I should like to have an article of about 10,000 words, and if you sent it in German I would have it translated here. A subject in connection with the history of philosophy would be most acceptable.

Yours sincerely,

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