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Dear Dr. Lukacs:

SCIENCE AND SOCIETY, a quarterly journal published for the last ten years in New York City, would like to publish your essay "Lebensphilosophie im Deutschland". The article was given to us to read by Prof. Marvin Farber, editor of PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESEARCH. Dr. Farber had received the manuscript directly from Dr. Tavanets of Moscow.

Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume you have no objection to its appearing in English in SCIENCE AND SOCIETY. We should appreciate knowing, however, whether it has already been published in any other language.

The purpose of SCIENCE AND SOCIETY is to clarify the connections between the great scientific movements of our time and the society in which they function. We reject irrational, illogical, and unscientific appeals to emotional bias. There are many academic magazines devoted to the separate fields of inquiry, but no journal tries, as does SCIENCE AND SOCIETY, to cut across the boundaries of specialists, in quest of an integrated, unified standpoint, a working philosophy for progressive scientists and laymen, Marxist and non-Marxist. For a decade, we have brought to our thousands of readers at home and abroad contributions which place the resources of science at the service of the people, and feel your article will help us achieve that goal.

We look forward to hearing from you. Under separate cover we are mailing you copies of our journal.

Sincerely,

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Dear Professor Lukacs:

The editors of a forthcoming book, Modern Materialism - Its Meaning for Science, Philosophy and Human Progress (subtitle tentative) invite your cooperation. Will you contribute an article on some phase of Idealism--or a "Critique of Idealism"?

The aim of this book is to explore developments in materialism and to see how far they meet the needs of the present. An ancient philosophy, allied with the scientific spirit and with meliorism and progress, materialism seems to us to have made a better adjustment to scientific, technological and to social change, than have other philosophical traditions. The time seems ripe for a reconsideration by a group of representative philosophers and scientists of the possibilities of this philosophy.

Enclosed you will find a provisional draft of the contents of the book, which should give an idea how your own essay would fit in. Since this is a cooperative venture, it is desirable that the various articles fit together, so far as possible, into a coherent whole. Although every contributor to the book will speak for himself, and will be explicitly exempted from responsibility for what the others may say, it is likely that most of the contributors will be materialists; probably non-mechanistic, non-reductive materialists. The unity of a work of this kind seems to require basic agreement, but also diversity of development.

The volume as planned will meet the highest scholarly requirements, but will also aim at a section of the general public. We feel that all necessary technicalities should be included but that techniques of popularization are also highly desirable. The articles will range in length from 6000 to 8000 words, and the deadline for completion is Oct. 1, 1947. Will you please let us know as soon as possible whether you will be able to contribute to our volume? I may add that Farrington and Bernal in England, Cornu in France, and many scientists and philosophers in this country, including Struik, Schneirla (animal psychology) Leslie White (anthropology) and B.J. Stern (Sociology) have already agreed to contribute.

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Dear Professor Lukács;

Thank you so much for your brilliant article, "Der Existentialismus" which I have read with great pleasure and instruction. It is now being translated and will eventually appear in the volume of which I wrote you, Modern Materialism. The date and details of publication have not yet been arranged, and I shall have to write you again when there is more information to impart.

In the meantime, thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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