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Mr. György Lukács,
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Dear Mr. Lukacs:

November 11, 1968 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Great War. To commemorate this occasion and to pay tribute to the men who fought in this war, I am editing a volume of essays to be published by The John Day Company of New York. Tentatively entitled Promise of Greatness: The War of 1914-1918, this volume will contain thirty original essays. The contributors are poets, novelists, philosophers, historians, theologians, and scholars, mainly English and American, who participated in the conflict or who have distinguished themselves through their writings on the war.

Promise of Greatness will have three parts. The first will contain the personal reflections of famous writers who fought in the war and who are still living. They will be free to focus on any phase of their war experiences. The second part will contain essays examining the cultural implications of the war and will be written by authorities in special subject areas. The third part will contain essays discussing particular aspects of the literature of the war. These essays will be written by literary critics.

This book, it hardly needs saying, will provide an opportunity, both for the writers themselves and for their readers, to reflect on the Great War after fifty years. For many readers, doubtless, this book will also provide a necessary historical perspective enabling them to understand the "modern age" by renewing their ties with the generation that lived and dreamed and suffered in those early years of the twentieth century which inspired so many promises of greatness.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to contribute an essay of about 5000 words to the first (or any part) of this volume. Each contributor will receive an honorarium. Manuscripts will be due by September 1967, so that the book can appear in the fiftieth year after the Armistice. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

George A. Panichas

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