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January 25, 1966

Professor Georg Lukacs
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Hungary

Dear Professor Lukacs:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of two mutual friends, Dr. Herbert Aptheker and Professor Robert Cohen, with whom I am associated in the American Institute for Marxist Studies.

Is it possible for me to see you in late May or early June? I am making a tour of eastern Europe and want to talk with philosophers about the topic of Marxism and religion, in which I have a special interest. I would be most pleased to get your views on this and other matters. You are aware, of course, of the increasing interest in your work on the part of scholars in the U. S. A.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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February 5, 1968

Mr. Gyorgy Lukacs
Belgrad Rakpart
Budapest, Hungary

Dear Mr. Lukacs:

In June of 1966 I enjoyed the privilege of talking with you in Budapest in your apartment. At the time I took notes on what you said, although I believe I am correct in recollecting that you indicated that you preferred not have the contents of the interview made public.

Recently I received an inquiry from Mrs. Jessica Smith, editor of NEW WORLD REVIEW, a quarterly here dealing with developments in socialist countries, inquiring of me whether I might have an article for her journal. I replied to her that I would submit to you a written report of my interview with you, to find out if you might be willing to have it published. I said that if you did not wish to have it published, then I could not send it to her.

Accordingly I am enclosing a copy of the interview. If you feel that for any reason it should not be published, kindly let me know at your early convenience, and your wishes will be honored.

If on the other hand you assent to its publication, please feel free to make any alterations or deletions in the present version, and it will be published as you wish.

With continuing esteem and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Howard L. Parsons

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March 5, 1968

Dear Dr. Lukács:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of February 26 regarding the possible publication of your statements in our conversation two years ago.

I believe that I understand why you do not wish to have the conversation published. I certainly will not offer it for publication. In conversation, so much depends on the context, for the communication of meaning; and it is this context that disappears in a bare reproduction of the conversation.

With thanks once more, and with best wishes for your good health, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Nem igazán sajtó.