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Professor Georg Lukacs
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Dear Professor Lukacs:

As a result of considerable accumulating interest over the years, the question of the publication of an English translation of your book Geschichte und Klassenbewusstsein has arisen. As is customary in the case of a foreign book, we make it a practice to communicate with the author, first in order to arrange a contract for publication; secondly, in order to provide him with an opportunity to prepare a foreword or preface for the translation; and for other valid editorial purposes.

We, therefore, address ourselves to you now with respect to this book. We are aware of the fact that several years after the first publication of this book in German, you found it necessary to withdraw the book from circulation. We, of course, are not aware of the reason for such action on your part and we do not, of course, know whether those reasons are still operative, or whether, with the passage of time or reconsideration you would now find no objection to an English translation.

We, of course, are commercial publishers and are interested only in the fact that there has grown up a considerable interest and demand for this book in the English language. We are prepared to include a publishers' note to the effect that the author had withdrawn the book from circulation but now agrees that, since it had become a recognized part of the literature in its field in German, it would perhaps be unjust to the English-reading public to withhold the book any longer. If you were to consider it necessary, we would be glad to say in such a foreword that you still disagree with the conclusion reached in this early work.

However, should you still feel that you do not want this book published, we shall abide by your decision and, as far as we are concerned, it will be a closed matter.

With our very best regards,

Yours faithfully,

S. A. Russell, President

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