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May 23, 1957

Dear Professor Lukács:

You will please imagine how delighted we were to receive quite unexpectedly your letter of May 12 and know that you are well and back in Budapest. And we are so grateful for your kind answer to our letter of request of last October.

The publication of our symposium on Contemporary Thoughts, begun last November, is progressing successfully and the first six volumes, already published, are being well received by our reading public. The last volume, or Volume XIII, which is to be devoted to contributions from thinkers of the world, is scheduled to be published in October of this year.

We should be most grateful and happy if we could get your contribution to this last volume, for which the requested contributions are coming in now. You kindly tell us that we may use in our symposium your article "Mein Weg zu Marx" in Georg Lukács zum siebzigsten Geburtstag, published by Aufbau-Verlag, 1955. It is exactly the kind of article we should like to have for our symposium. Only, the book has been read to considerable extent in our country so that the article has become quite familiar with some of our readers. The Shiso (Thought), one of the periodicals our firm publishes, gave a review of the book at the time of its publication.

We wonder if it is possible for us to request you to add to that article the last section of your intellectual autobiography covering the period from 1933 to the present day, and let us print this revised article in our symposium. The additional part would not have to be long. If you would do this for us and if you would let us have the revised article by August 10th, we should be most grateful.

For the fee we should like to pay One Hundred (100) U.S. Dollars or equivalent in Sterling Pounds in net while ourselves attending to the payment of the 20% withholding tax required by our income tax law. We know this is a miserably small sum but hope you will kindly understand our restricted circumstances. If you would, despite such poor material compensation, give us your valuable contribution for the enlightenment of our eager readers, we should feel most indebted.

Wishing you health and happiness and awaiting to hear from you again,

MTA FIL. INT.
Lukács Arch.

Most sincerely yours,

Genzaburo Yoshino
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June 25, 1957

Prof. Georg Lukács
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Dear Prof. Lukács:

We have most gratefully received your letter of June 14, telling us that you will kindly write an article for us as additional section to your "Mein Weg zu Marx" in Georg Lukács zum siebzigsten Geburtstag, pp.225-231, and let us print in translation in our Symposium both your new article and the above-mentioned chapter of 1933.

We shall pay \$100 in net while ourselves paying the 20% withholding tax, which consequently will be: \$125(gross) - \$25(tax) = \$100(net payment). We understand that you desire to have the fee of \$100 paid in the form of books, which we shall be very happy to do if you will let us know what books you desire. Would you like to have the entire \$100 in books or partly paid in money? It is possible to remit money to Hungary from Japan now, if you will write to us what amount you will want to have remitted.

It may take time, depending on the kind of books you desire, to get these books ready, so that we should like to have the list of books at your earliest convenience. In case we send the books by surface mail, the postage will be very little so that we shall pay it. However, if you desire any of them sent by air mail, we shall have to charge such air postage on your account.

Herewith we enclose 22 sheets of the international response coupon, hoping it enough for the postage of the article you will send us. If this fails to cover the expense, please let us know. And we shall look forward to receiving your manuscript by August 10.

With grateful regards from all of the editorial staff of the Symposium,

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Most sincerely yours,

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July 2, 1957

Prof. Georg Lukács
Budapest V.
Belgrád rkp. 2.V.5.

Dear Prof. Lukács:

We have most gratefully received your manuscript, Nachschrift 1957, and wish to thank you once more for your kind compliance with our request.

We understand that this article is an additional section to Mein Weg zu Marx, 1933, and that you will let us print in translation in our symposium both of these articles. Your contribution will make a big highlight in our symposium and will particularly delight and enlighten our readers.

As I have written to you in my letter of June 25, we shall await your instructions as to the kind of books you desire us to send to you as a part or the whole of our fee of \$100 and if you would prefer a part of the payment to be remitted in money to you.

With grateful regards from all of us,

Most sincerely yours,

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August 12, 1957

Prof. Georg Lukács
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Dear Prof. Lukács:

We have gratefully received your letter of July 11th, and also the one following it with your directions for revision of a word in your article. We shall carefully effect the revision as you direct us.

Of the books you listed in your letter, we have found out that the following ones are obtainable in Tokyo so that we shall get them at once and mail them to you. Namely:

- Joseph Needham; Science and Civilization in China, I and II
(Vol.III has not been published yet)
G. Thomson; Studies in Ancient Greek Society
" The First Philosophers

For the other books in the list - namely, Ludwig Wittgenstein; Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus and Adgar de Bruyne; Etudes d'Esthétique médiévale, we shall send in orders to the publishers of these books and have the books sent directly to you from them. If there is any objection or inconvenience felt on your part in having these books sent directly to you from London and Bruges, please let us know. In that case we can have the books sent to us first and then mail them to you from us. Only, it will mean much longer time for the books to reach you.

The prices of the above four books to be obtained in Tokyo come up to ¥16,236. We do not know the prices of the other books yet, but after their purchase very likely some part of the \$100 or ¥36,000 will still be left, the disposition of which we shall have to request your directions for. If you so desire, we shall get Vol.III of Needham's Science and Civilization in China, when it is out

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The volume for which we have requested your contribution is the last volume (Vol.XII) of our Symposium on Contemporary Thoughts (Japanese title; Iwanami Kôza Gendai Shisô), which is devoted to contributions from eminent thinkers of the world and which is scheduled to be published late in October or possibly early in November. We are most willing that you will publish the original text of your contribution to this volume after our translation has been published.

With best regards,

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Dec. 17, 1957

Prof. Georg Lukács
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Dear Sir:

We are very happy to report to you that the last volume of our Symposium on Contemporary Thoughts has finally come out. It took much more time than we first planned, owing to the difficulty we faced in obtaining contributions from some of the authors we had solicited. But we have finally got out a very satisfactory volume as the last, crowning highlight of our twelve volume Symposium.

A copy of the book is being mailed to you today by sea mail, with the compliments and grateful regards of us all. As you will see, it is entirely devoted to contributors are: Prof. W. Macmahon Ball, Prof. Karl Barth, Madame Simone de Beauvoir, Prof. J. D. Bernal, Mr. Ilya G. Erenburg, Prof. Erich Fromm, Prof. Karl Löwith, Prof. Georg Lukács, Prof. Lewis Mumford, Prof. Joseph Needham, Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Sir Herbert Read, Prof. John Somerville and Prof. Paul M. Sweezy.

In gratitude for the successful completion of our Symposium, we send you our Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for 1958.

Sincerely yours,

MTA FIL. INT.
Lukács Arch.

Genzaburo Yoshino
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Editor-in-Chief
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P.S. We have gratefully received your letter of November 18 and are happy to know that Needham's two books have finally reached you. We hope Thomson's books have also arrived by now. The books we have ordered from Europe through our book-importer have not come yet, so we must request you to kindly wait some time longer.

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Merry Christmas

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A Happy New Year

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