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Dear Professor Lukacs,

I wonder if you would willing to wite a review of Jan Kott's book "Shakespeare Our Contemporary", which has just been published in English? The book has aroused a good deal of attention here, but there has been no serious criticism of it from a Marxist viewpoint. A review by yourself of the book would carry great weight over here. We would be extremely honoured if you would consent to write one.

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We look forward very much to hearing from you,

Yours respectfully,

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To: Professor Gyorgy Lukacs, Belgrad Rakpart 2, Budapest 5, Hungary.

Dear Professor Lukacs,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 28 February. We fully understand that you are very busy with your work, and unable to write on Kott at present. We are very grateful to you for suggestion of Frau Heller to assess Kott's book for us, and shall be writing directly to her and this about this. Thank you very much for being so helpful.

With our greatest respect,

Perry Anderson.

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