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Dear Mr. Lukacs:

As this Institute, under the chairmanship of Dr. Robert S. Cohen, Professor of Philosophy and Chairman of the Department of Physics at Boston University in Massachusetts, begins its second year of activities, it is most anxious to extend its service outside the United States of America.

Within the United States, this Institute now has two hundred and fifty Associates - most of them members of faculties in fifty different colleges and universities. It has established itself as something of a force in intellectual and scholarly life, making an impact in its two essential purposes: 1) to deepen radical and Marxist scholarship; 2) to help bring about reasonable discussion rather than diatribe - conversation instead of vituperation - in the United States involving Marxist and non-Marxist thinkers. Our research service, Newsletters and symposia have reached many hundreds; soon our publication program will reach additional thousands.

We are very anxious now to strengthen our international relations and associations. For this, we would be most honored if you found it possible to become an International Associate. This means no more expenditure of time than you may wish; it will result in all the facilities of research and scholarly interchange that this Institute now enjoys being at your disposal. At the same time, having your association it would strengthen the possibilities of helpfulness on the part of the Institute.

We are taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of the original prospectus of this Institute, issued early in 1964, together with a summary of accomplishments for the past year and projects before us for 1965.

I look forward to an early and favorable reply.

Cordially yours. bert Aptheker

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