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Prof. Gyorgy Lukacs
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Dear Professor Lukacs,

I am editing a symposium entitled "Socialist Humanism" which will be published by Doubleday & Co., New York, and probably translated into Spanish and other languages.

The aim of the symposium is to present theoretical thoughts on socialist humanism of thinkers who, regardless of their different political affiliations, are identified with or close to socialist humanism, and who have something of importance to say about the topic. With the exception of Mr. Bose of India, all the contributors are from Europe and America. I hope that this volume will constitute not only an important theoretical discussion of problems of socialist humanism, but also show that regardless of political differences, there exists a creative and increasing force of socialist humanist thought in the world.

I want to invite you to write a contribution for this volume. It should consist of about 15 typewritten pages (about 27 lines per page) and should be in my hands if possible in English or translated into English, not later than the end of December this year.

Royalties will be divided equally amongst the contributors. About \$100 will be paid at the time of agreement to write a contribution; an equal, or somewhat smaller amount, depending on the final total number of contributors, will be paid to each writer when the complete manuscript is delivered to the publisher. Royalties will then be divided in the same manner when the earnings of the book have exceeded the \$5,000 royalty advance which the publisher will have paid on receipt of the manuscript.

As to the topic of your paper, I leave it to you to choose one which falls into the broad field of socialist humanism. It should deal with philosophical problems like alienation, existentialism, the nature and essence of man in Marx, or some

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concrete problem such as the aims of socialist humanism, technique and socialism, decentralization and centralization, and so on.

I would appreciate greatly if you could decide to participate in the symposium, and if you could give me your answer at your earliest convenience.

Enclosed you will find a list of those who have already consented to participate in the book, or who have already sent their contributions. In addition to this list, I have asked a number of writers in France, Italy and Poland to contribute.

Sincerely yours,

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