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14th October 1963

Dear Mr. Lukacs,

We are hoping to send George Steiner to Budapest in early December to record a conversation with you for the Third Programme of the B.B.C. on the subject of "Ideologies and Co-existence", which you discussed with him on his visit to Budapest. We will be honoured and delighted if you will do that. There is only one thing which worries me as the producer responsible for the transmission and hence for perfect intelligibility of the dialogue: it is your command of English. Forgive me please for asking you so brutally this, for us, so important question. Your English certainly need not be perfect and the foreign accent is usually an added charm! But it has to be intelligible. George Steiner is such a brilliant interviewer that he will help you of course with an initial "rehearsal"; it may even be necessary to get away from the spontaneous "interview" to a more formal, written down and rehearsed beforehand conversation. And if occasionally words fail you, Steiner will naturally come to the rescue. But nevertheless, the background to all this is your "Beherrschung" of English. I would be most grateful to you if you can write to me and tell me what your feelings are about this problem. I do hope you feel confident about it, as we so very much want to - at last - broadcast your ideas on the world as you see it.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Kallin

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18th November 1963

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Dear Mr. Lukacs,

You probably have heard
meanwhile from George Steiner -
alas - he is unable to come before
the Spring or early Summer but this
does certainly not mean that the
idea of a recorded conversation with
you has been given up. It has only
been postponed and both George Steiner
and I will let you know well in advance
when he will be able to travel.

We are all very eager to have
that conversation recorded for the
BBC - it is of great importance to
us and we are most grateful to you
that you have agreed to broadcast
for us.

Yours very sincerely,

*und vielen Dank für Ihren Brief.
Es tut uns sehr leid dass wir*

(Anna Kallin) Ihre

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*Skimme nicht so
bald hören werden
wie wir es uns
wünschen; aka - sagt*

man nicht: aufgehoben ist
nicht aufgehoben? durchaus
nicht!

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
und Dank für Ihre Bescheidenheit

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that conversation recorded for the
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30th October 1963

Dear Mr. Lukacs,

Thank you very much for your charming letter. We so much want an interview with you that we have decided to risk it - as you say - and will ask George Steiner to visit Budapest for a couple of days probably in the beginning of December.

I am very much looking forward to the tape recording he will bring back and hope that you will enjoy the experience.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Kallin

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