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10th February, 1966.

Professor Georg Lukács,
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Cher Maître,

Entretemps vous aurez sans doute reçu les deux tomes de mon oeuvre sur Rosa Luxemburg, et je profite de cette occasion pour vous emprimer une fois de plus ma dette pour tant d'appui intellectuel que j'ai pu prendre de vos oeuvres, et en particulier de la discussion que nous avons pu avoir en juillet 1963 à Budapest.

Quand vous verrez, vous constituez une partie importante dans le development de mes arguments et de ma pensée sur Rosa Luxemburg en particulier, et le ^Marxisme en général, et j'espère que je vous ai rendu votre dû dans mon oeuvre.

Je serai très content si vous trouverez le temps de m'adresser quelques remarques sur votre opinion au sujet de mon livre - même si cet opinion soit negative.

Avec messentiments les plus sincères et devouées.

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16th March, 1966.

Professor Georg Lukacs,
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Dear Professor Lukacs,

May I reply to your kind note of the 7th March in English, as I cannot type and I have no typist that will write in German?

I am happy that you have received the book and look forward to hearing from you in greater detail when you have had a chance to evaluate it.

I do agree with you that the book is very long. I hope, however, that when you have read it you will not get the feeling that the important issues have been stifled by a parade of relatively insignificant detail. I have tried to point up the issues very forcibly, and the non-historical chapters do carry quite a sophisticated discussion of the basic issues. Also, unlike Deutscher, I have tried to deal with social reality a little more firmly rather than concentrate on the particular wishes and ideas of the leadership. The example that you have mentioned (Parvus and Lenin) is not, as I am sure you will discover, an attempt to suggest that there is much basic political similarity between them. What they had in common - in the German context - was a willingness to use the existing social structure for revolutionary purposes, rather than simply ignore it as irrelevant. The comparison is only meaningful in the sense of contrast between the Russian method and the German.

I am not in the least offended at your comment but very delighted. I should indeed be most grateful if in due course of time you were to find it possible to write at greater length. If you still feel that the fault which you mention has not been solved in the book, I shall be happy to explain this.

Yours sincerely,

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