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Waltham, April 14, 1955

Dear Raya Dunayevskaya:

I have now read the notes on Hegel which you lent me. This is fascinating, and I admire your way of concretizing the most abstract philosophical notions. However, I still cannot get along with the direct translation of idealistic philosophy into politics: I think you somehow minimize the "negation" which the application of the Hegelian dialectic to political phenomena presupposes. I would like to discuss these things with you, and I hope that we can do so in the near future; I shall let you know as soon as there is a chance.

As to the Sixth Chapter\* I wonder whether it is really novel enough to warrant publication. Someone should check how much of it is already contained in the Theorien über Mehrwert.

Please let me know when you come again to this area.

Your papers are enclosed.

Many thanks.

With best wishes & greetings,

Yours, Herbert Marcuse

\*That is the original Ch. 6 of Capital which in its first draft was the last chapter, as distinct from Accumulation of Capital, which is now the last part of Capital, and which I translated unfortunately from the Russian. I had originally intended that that chapter and the Philosophic Notebooks of Lenin which I likewise translated be part of the book I would write. Now I conceive of it as much simpler presentation.--R.D.

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