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Dear Herbert Marcuse:

Some one ought to invent a day that is twice as long and a night that is half as short. As it is, I am quite dissatisfied with the world and its time habits (including my own). Now that I have registered my protest, here is what I was able to accomplish within the confines of night and day division:

I have returned to the beginning and I enclose herewith the first two chapters of Part I.

New aspects constantly evolve and I now feel the need for some "character sketches"; Proudhon and Lassalle are included; Stalin I will do later. For the time being I am including the first two under some heading as a Theoretic Interlude which would precede the analysis of CAPITAL itself.

What I will do next I do not know—perhaps rest a few days. In any case, the enclosed plus the two sections you already have on The Great Divide in Marxism and State Capitalism should give you a pretty good idea of the book as a whole. Since you are kind enough to want it in draft form, you might also be good enough to let me know your views. There is no doubt in my mind that sometime between the draft and the final writing we will need to spend more than two hours together. Do you suppose that in early summer, you would have a whole weekend to spare?

Yours,

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