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II. Assignment of Chairman and Special Editing - R.

I am asking the REB to assign me to complete the book in the next five or six weeks. There has been an idea that this is a leave and not an assignment of the REB because I am going away to work by myself without interruption. In this case it is easier to think that this is a leave rather than an assignment because, unlike previous such assignments this is not combined with a tour.

Actually, this assignment is the hardest work yet. I had originally wanted to ask for two months but now it will have to be for only 5 or 6 weeks because I don't have enough money for more and also because there is no one yet signed on the dotted line to publish. This assignment is not only to do an outline but to get the book in finished absolutely perfect form ready for submission to a publisher.

One of the reasons I took it out on the intellectuals at the conv. for not having helped enough on the book was poor S. I expected him to do more and he must should have done more. But between editing, and typing, and this and that task he just didn't have the physical time to help as much as I expected however much he may have wanted to. This time, there must be genuine editing, in the highest sense of the word in getting the book ready in final form and I expect S. to do this. This time, what is sent back will not be for the locals, with the possible exception of two chapters which have not been written but only indicated in the present manuscript, i.e. 1) the national question; 2) the party. Even that isn't certain. This time, what is sent back from me is to be worked on for the publisher. This involves S. and he has to be given time to do it. I make the motion, therefore, that he be assigned one day a week to do the editing and that the REB see to it that he has that time. In the main, I don't propose that this will happen until after the first issue of the paper is out.

Also, the members must realize that they're not going to see and, most probably not hear from me during this period. I will stop in NY for two days coming and going, but not to give lectures-- to see possible publishers.

- Motions: 1) REB assigns chairman to complete book, for five or six weeks, beginning 7/23. Carried.  
2) REB assigns S. to be acting chairman during chairman's assignment. Carried.  
3) REB assigns S., one day a week, for special editing. Carried.

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