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Dear Bessie:

Hurriedly, as usual: 1) Since I made an extra copy of the Russian chapters for submission to the publisher who had seen none in full, I have it now for you. It is not to be shown to our own people--they have work to do to occupy them--although you may show it to anyone on the outside whom you think it would interest sufficiently ^{financial} to want to be part of the book's publishing friends. 2) While I'm holding my breath for the publishers to make up their minds, I feel it is wrong for me not to be sending the outline around at least to ever new sources, but I have no copies as each has maintained the copy for its file.

Will you therefore please return to me once again the outline you have?

3) I have received a magnificent letter from Professor M. H. Carr complimenting me on the work and --after he has written 6 scholarly works on one of the periods I deal with, the 1920s--stating modestly that since he is not a philosopher he cannot competently judge how much Lenin reorganized his concepts after Philosophic Notebooks, but I have certainly raised enough doubts for anyone who is serious and interested to have to begin a study of that period all over again. Compare these attitudes with some of our friends!

Finally, why have you been so silent? And we did not get this issue's MD article and will have to use a guest columnist. Please tell MW to be sure to send us 2 articles at once, and always have one extra on hand, for it is impossible in the tensions here to have to hang on each mail. I know he has always kept in advance of scheduled date and therefore I ask him to return to that procedure as the true method.

Thanks for the remembrances on Christmas and a very happy new year--I feel in my bones it will certainly be a very new New Year.

Yours,

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