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Dear Herbert Marcuse:

Your Preface certainly points up some fundamental questions in dispute as well as in illumination. I wouldn't think of discarding it. By pointing directly at what I have called the forever-beating heart of Marxism -- the workers who in their everyday life and struggles have given it a new life and dimension -- you will certainly stirred a polemic that should be going at full blast as soon as the book is published. Sharp disagreements have never disturbed me; monoliths has.

One thing, however, did surprise me in your Preface and that is that your last sentence focuses on the writer of the preface rather than the book. In your place I would have continued with one more sentence along some such line as this: Whether you agree or disagree with Dunayevskaya, her book creates a <sup>serious</sup> solid foundation on a vast scope for the re-examination of Marxism from its roots in Hegelian philosophy until its post-Marxist development of our own day.

It may appear to you that you have said something similar in its proper context but as a reader who will next turn to some 400 pages of RD I felt the need of such a link between preface and body of work. Please let me know at once whether you agree to such an addition, and how you would phrase it so I can hurry it on to the publisher in whatever you state you approve it. The decision is yours, noYours.

The enclosed brochure has been sent out to 5000 asking advance orders of the book. I hope the fires of dispute have been stirred up and we will not again just lapse into intellectual sloth. Many, many thanks for your contribution and encouragement.

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