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Miss Raya Dunayevskaya
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Dear Raya,

I enclose herewith a copy of my report to
the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

I do not know where you are now, but I
hope this reaches you in good health and spirits.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

REPORT:

I consider Miss Dunayevskaya's project to be of great importance. The ideological field of Marx's philosophy, its relationship to Hegel's philosophy, as well as to existentialism, has been dominated, until a few years ago, by communist misinterpretations of Marx and Hegel. In recent years a beginning has been made, both in the West and in the small socialist countries (Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary), to free the picture of Marx from its Communist-inspired distortions, and this attempt is of great importance for the history of ideas as well as for the understanding of the ideologies - and their contradictions - that exist within the Soviet bloc countries and also in China. It seems to me that the study of Marxist ideology in reference to China and the underdeveloped countries, (which is part of Miss Dunayevskaya's project) is of particular importance for the understanding of world events today.

Miss Dunayevskaya has all the requisites to enable her to bring her project to a successful completion. First of all, she is one of the most outstanding students of Marx's and Hegel's philosophies in the United States. 2) She has demonstrated her knowledge in her previous publications. She has first-hand knowledge of the African situation, and due to her present trip to Japan will also of the Asian situation. 3) She is a person of absolute integrity and complete dedication to her chosen field of philosophy. 4) She is a hard worker. 5) She has the capacity to penetrate through verbiage and conceptualizations to reach the very essence of philosophical thought - a rare gift and one very necessary for the study of Marx's and Hegel's philosophies and their relationship to current ideologies. I am convinced that Miss Dunayevskaya's work will make a significant contribution and a much-needed one, in a field where ignorance and confusion are still rampant.

8th December, 1965

Signed Date