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Dear Raya,

You have again written a most brilliant and difficult chapter. Of course, anything that I might say would be of no consequence because of my accursed incapability to do any creative thinking when it comes to philosophy. I cannot even analyze my own reaction to what You have written; or perhaps I should say, I do not know whether my conclusions are positive or negative. I have a feeling that "The pull of objective history toward real freedom" will not be achieved through any one revolution, but by a particular evolution, namely an evolution of revolutions. As You stressed (pp 19) what has been up to now, a movement from --- and --- to ---, so the future has the task to perform of filling in these blanks with new concepts suited to this contemporary gap in our evolution. It is the mind that has to be changed.

I used to think that demonstrations were utterly useless, but I can see now, that even if they are useless against the existing establishments, they are nevertheless useful for at least one thing: they constantly prick that gigantic monolith, mankind, with a live stream of new clichés, many of which blossom quickly into popularity and sink into a mass-consciousness. God be thanked for clichés, if only we could replace the bad ones with the good!

I am always amazed at Your complete knowledge of the Hegelian philosophy. I knew, of course, that You had worked with the theory of a movement from practice, but that You were able to interpret such a theory from the quote that "Logical Principle turns to Nature and Nature to Mind," certainly demonstrates a painstaking study and profound absorption of Your material; I dare say, Hegel would probably have been astonished himself at Your discovery!

Thank You for sending me Richard's fascinating essay on Victor Serge! I have already bought the book The Case of Comrade Tuinayev, which seems to be the only paperback available; I shall read it as soon as I'm finished with what I'm reading now, and I am looking forward to the publication of Richard's translations! I wish I had my own book finished, but time is fast and progress is slow.

I was very sorry to hear about the break-in; do You have any ideas who did it? Would it not be ironical if Your equipment was being used at this moment to the glorification of Mao? Ugh! In any case, I contribute what little I can.

My love and gratitude to everyone!

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