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Dear Raya (may I cut out the formalities?),

I just got back from a quick trip to England and found your note. Please do send me the Trotsky chapter. I promise to return it with more dispatch than heretofore, though probably, for the same reasons, without comments of any significance. I keep hoping that I will be able to get my head above water briefly, and think about some deeper matters political, but it doesn't seem too likely in the near future. I am very depressed about what is happening -- quite a number of friends of mine are being picked up, or are apparently about to be, by the federal authorities, and we are working very hard, but with not too much success, to find a way to turn draft resistance into a politically effective move instead of a mere gesture that will cause enormous hardship to those involved, but not ~~effe~~ change the war situation. I have little time for anything else at the moment.

I don't expect, at the moment, to be in NY in late March or early April, but it might very well turn out that I will be, in which case, I'll let you know. We could always find time, if you'll be in Boston.

I hate to think what Harpers may have had to say about me and computers. Considering the way other information is handled in the mass media, whatever it was, it was probably false.

Sincerely,

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