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Dear S

You remain, I trust you realise, the key co-author on the part of world economic reality. This means that you will have to read the enclosed part most critically, and concretely comment not only on every single page but on these unwritten. Also, check scrupulously the figures, the references, etc. Most are the ones you gave me, but often I have included a later year (like in the US reports) or even some "journalistic", i.e., year-end roundups of the economy. I wasn't very sure always whether it was a straight copy of a table, or was adjusted by you and how. (All of this must carefully be accounted for and we have much less freedom in quoting statistical tables here than you have. For example in H&F I used but one created by myself with only the actual figures from government sources. Also, sometime when I wanted to use one of E.E. there wasn't enough explanation as to what it meant in actual living conditions which is up or down wouldn't possibly be as self-understood as you imagined.

Theoretically, you'll note that I give much less weight to planning re avoidance of depressions than you did. On the whole, however, my chapter is so very rough with altogether too much of the dialectics of liberation still subordinated to the economics. The reason I included the Grundrisse here is that in the original chapter on the Why Hegel? Why Now? part it was dealt with too cursorily and it might turn out that the question of underdeveloped countries would be better understood if Marx on pre-capitalist formations were included here. But nothing is decided. It's but a rough draft and I would appreciate your comments.

Harry is impatiently awaiting your arrival and so are we. The friend who didn't get to Czechoslovakia may get to England.

I already had dropped you a note that it's o.k. to send the Grundrisse by the cheapest post possible so long as it is insured. It isn't the speed but the guarantee that it will get here that is important.

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