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Dear Olga:

Bess will bring this note with her wed. (Thurs.) when she sees you at office, and it is to serve you after N&L gets off press next week and you begin a series of letters on lecture tour Spring.

1st is a new title for Ch. I of P&R -- ~~ABSOLUTES~~ ^{ABSOLUTE NEGATIVITY}
✓ AS NEW BEGINNING (instead of the present title, Hegel's Absolutes as New Beginnings). This means that the contents page of P&R that was given each at plenum will have to be restencilled and cut in sufficient quantity for people to be able to use it in asking for lectures.

2nd, the old brochure, as amended last when you included new lectures, especially the St. Louis visiting scholar lecture, is to be further amended by having each local append to it the contents page of P&R.

3rd, it is that content page which is to be used both as series of lectures I'm prepared to give and as announcement that this NEW BOOK WILL BE OFF THE PRESS THE FOLLOWING YEAR BUT I'M READY TO ACQUAINT AUDIENCES WHAT IT WOULD TAKE ANOTHER YEAR FOR THEM TO KNOW IF THEY WANT FOR BOOK.

4th, under no circumstances will I speak for as low as \$100. The minimum is \$200 plus fare and room & food. (The only exception is that if it is on same campus and same day and the \$200 is for public lecture, I would be willing to talk with a small seminar group.)

5th, and most important, each local is to run a public meeting IN NAME OF N&L COMMITTEES, no matter what happens on university lectures, and they are ~~not~~ equally responsible for fare, hotel room, and food. (I stress hotel, i.e., outside room because to be in comrades' homes is just too tiring and I cannot undertake such; they must learn to be concerned with health, not as "sickness" (I'm not), but as needed relaxation away from "small coin of concrete questions" so that even organizational questions are on a certain level.)

Finally, Oct. is the right month to be working for lectures. Though some letters will be sent to certain places from office, each local is responsible for its locale and not to be dependant on letters alone, but personal in-contact relations.

Jim Ray
Since I changed that title 3 times, I
better repeat it here. Absolute Negativity
AS New Beginning

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