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ROSA LUXEMBURG'S LETTERS TO MATHILDE JACOB

All of the letters are from the period after 1913, when RL first met Jacob. There is thus no reference in the letters to RL's breaking up with Jogiches in 1908. In fact, in all of the 184 letters, there is but one passing reference to Jogiches, and that is of no political importance. Neither are there any letters of Jogiches in the collection: there was one letter from Jogiches to Jacob given by MJ to the person who smuggled these letters out of Nazi Germany, but it is not to be found in this collection at the Hoover Institution: it is presumed to have been either lost, or removed by an unknown person from the collection for some reason.

In all of the letters, therefore, I could find no reference to the question of Jogich and the party on combining legal and illegal work during the period RL was in jail (though all but 5 or 6 of the letter to Jacob were written by RL while in jail).

Also included in the collection is a manuscript copy of Jacob's memoirs of RL written shortly before her death in 1942, Vom Rosa Luxemburg und ihrem Freunden, 1914-19. It is about 140 pages long.

All of the RL letters to Jacob in the Hoover archives are now available in book form:

Rosa Luxemburg, u.a. Briefe an Mathilde Jacob (1913-18). Heraus. und mit einem Vorwort von Narihiko Ito. Gendaiishi-Kenkyukai. Tokio, 1972. 248 p.

In addition, I looked through RL's letters to Jogisch (Rosa Luxemburg, Briefe an Leo Jogiches, Europäische Verlag, 1972) and there are no letters included between November 1905-June 1909, and no letters after 1914. I presume they had little or no correspondence in that period.

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