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Dear Pilar,

If I began with asking forgiveness for the long period I meant to write to you and never did, this would be a book and I haven't the time to write another one. After all Neda has spoken to me of you for quite some time and I had definitely promised her that I would comment on your review of my work (Was that ever printed?). So I will just bank on the fact that you forgive me and that in fact you cannot help me in constantly having a losing battle with time. Please act instead as if you just heard about me this very minute.

Two things that I want to write at least briefly on, as I steal time from completing the Draft Thesis of Perspectives which must be completed this week are 1) Thank you for sending a copy of Gabrielle's review of RLWLKM. I was impressed enough to want to appeal to her on the question of perhaps collaborating on the book which is just in my head on the question of the dialectics of the "Party". Here is a copy of the letter I am sending her.

2) The other matter is for you. Can you really attend the World Congress of Sociology being held in India in 1986? I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the Yugoslav Marxist-Humanist Mihailo Markovic and a copy of the of the form letter he sent me on the conference. I have been appealing to both Neda and Kevin but it costs so much money that I do not know whether any of us can reach India and I thought it might be easier for you. Naturally I would want to have a chance to discuss it further if you think you could make it. Do you happen to know anything about the magazine that I mention to Mihailo?

The only recent thing I know about about that would relate my writings in the present period was the fact that during the Marx Centenary Year when I spoke at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, an Indian professor came up to me to say that he is very anxious to meet me; that he knows my ideas and disagrees on the question of state-capitalism, but "otherwise" etc. etc. etc. Where did he learn of my writings? Do you know if any of my writings are available in India now? I will tell you one funny thing. During the Cuban missile crisis when it was tough and go whether actually both Khrushchev and Kennedy weren't ready to destroy the world, we decided that we better send as many of our writings as possible to countries that were far, far removed from the U.S. and I chose India as one of them. So I may very well have sent copies of my work to libraries and universities in New Delhi. Do you think any of the faculty and administration feel any loyalty to the presents they get? I never received an acknowledgement. (Oh yes I didn't trust the U.S. mails either, so I went to Canada to mail them.) As to what I wrote about India either during Bandung or during the Sino-India war that we do have in N&L.

Yours,

P.S. We are very excited with the fact that the Spanish edition of RLWLKM ~~xxxxxxx~~ has just come off the press in Mexico. ~~and~~ Would you like to visit your country and show them you have the whole Trilogy of Revolution in Spanish. X

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