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On July 28, RD wrote to McLellan from Wallaceburg in order to say that now she is rested and in the British Empire, she is emboldened to ask whether he had actually reviewed my book and especially noted the challenge to all post-Marx Marxists, beginning with Engels, I have long since read his works and it wasn't just the scholarship but what got me especially interested in him was that he was the first to translate part of the Grundrisse and made a most original comment on the fact that that work had revealed more ~~WXXX~~ of the totality of Marx than what the economists attribute to Marx. Then RD asked McC. to let her know where and when the review of her book would appear.

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Dear Raya Dmoyevskaya,

I was delighted to get  
your letter - particularly as I am just  
reading your latest book at this  
moment. I think it is very  
inspirational and will try to write  
reviews of it in the coming month -  
before the great influx of students.

I was interested to hear of your  
activities. You are an example.

Yours all and I wish you every success

All the best-

David McLellan

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RD

August 18, 1983

Dear David McLellan:

Thank you for your kind letter. The fact that you will soon be reviewing my book on Luxemburg makes me feel good not only because I am interested in your commentary but because, frankly, I'm tired of remaining ~~another~~ person both in Russia and in the U.S. In the present case, I was shocked to find that behind all the compliments to Rosa Luxemburg as a martyr, there was enough of a residue of male-chauvinism in our day, though Women's Liberation has moved from being an idea to being a Movement, that her stature as a theoretician and as an original character in the Melvillean sense has not been probed with the depth it deserves.

What has also surprised me is that in the anthropology field, where there are quite a few women academics, Luxemburg has been disregarded on the ground that she was a revolutionary Marxist. In this case, I felt that I should really expand rather than narrow -- indeed, make inseparable Marx's philosophy of revolution from -- the question of the Man/Woman relationship. The enclosed copy of a paper I submitted to the international anthropology conference that is to meet in New York in September shows that I consider it a sort of supplement to Rosa Luxemburg.

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Women's Liberation and Marx's Philosophy of  
Revolution. I thought it might interest  
you but it is not yet a published work  
and since academia may have an idea of "owner-  
ship" that differs from mine, and you would  
know more about that than I, please use your  
own judgment in any reference you might wish  
to make to it.

When and where will your review  
appear? May I ask you to send me a copy?

Yours,