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Mr. Gyorgy Lukacs  
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Dear Mr. Lukacs:

As this Institute, under the chairmanship of Dr. Robert S. Cohen, Professor of Philosophy and Chairman of the Department of Physics at Boston University in Massachusetts, begins its second year of activities, it is most anxious to extend its service outside the United States of America.

Within the United States, this Institute now has two hundred and fifty Associates - most of them members of faculties in fifty different colleges and universities. It has established itself as something of a force in intellectual and scholarly life, making an impact in its two essential purposes: 1) to deepen radical and Marxist scholarship; 2) to help bring about reasonable discussion rather than diatribe - conversation instead of vituperation - in the United States involving Marxist and non-Marxist thinkers. Our research service, Newsletters and symposia have reached many hundreds; soon our publication program will reach additional thousands.

We are very anxious now to strengthen our international relations and associations. For this, we would be most honored if you found it possible to become an International Associate. This means no more expenditure of time than you may wish; it will result in all the facilities of research and scholarly interchange that this Institute now enjoys being at your disposal. At the same time, having your association it would strengthen the possibilities of helpfulness on the part of the Institute.

We are taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of the original prospectus of this Institute, issued early in 1964, together with a summary of accomplishments for the past year and projects before us for 1965.

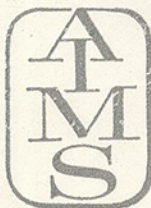
I look forward to an early and favorable reply.

Cordially yours,

*Herbert Aptheker*  
Herbert Aptheker  
DIRECTOR

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

1964 Accomplishments

- JANUARY: Founding of the Institute; first Membership Meeting; adoption of By-Laws and election of Officers.
- FEBRUARY: Present quarters obtained; design and building of the offices proceed.
- MARCH: Official opening of AIMS Offices.
- APRIL: First Symposium: "Marxism and Democracy".
- JUNE: Number one of the AIMS NEWSLETTER appears (circulation, 500).
- JULY: Second Symposium: Week-long discussions of "The Problem of Alienation in the Modern World", held in Conway, N.H.
- AUGUST: Tour of Europe and Ghana by the Director, enlisting cooperation and research associates.
- SEPTEMBER: Second number of AIMS NEWSLETTER (circulation, 800).
- OCTOBER: Third Symposium: "Latest Developments in Thinking in Socialist Europe and Africa". (Lively exchange of diverse opinions featured all three symposia, expressing one of the essential purposes of AIMS.)
- NOVEMBER: AIMS undertakes assistance in a Rutgers University project.
- DECEMBER: Third number of AIMS NEWSLETTER (circulation, 1000).  
HUMANITIES PRESS of N. Y. C. agrees to serve as AIMS publisher.

In Addition:

AIMS now has about 250 Associates in the United States, most of whom are members of the faculties of 49 different universities; 50 Student Associates in the United States; 60 International Associates in Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia.

The AIMS Library of over 5,000 volumes is strong and is steadily growing; its use by scholars is expanding. AIMS has assisted students and scholars throughout the United States and in many foreign countries in research projects.

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Plans for 1965

PUBLICATIONS will include:

FEBRUARY: "One Continual Cry": DAVID WALKER'S APPEAL TO THE COLORED CITIZENS OF THE WORLD, 1829-1830: Its SETTING & MEANING, by Herbert Aptheker (plus the full text of this earliest expression of militancy from an American Negro).

TEACHING "ABOUT COMMUNISM" IN AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS by Annette Zelman, with a foreword by Prof. Roland F. Gray.

APRIL: MARXISM AND DEMOCRACY Symposium, with contributions by Robert S. Cohen, Gaylord C. LeRoy, J. P. Morray, J. Suret-Canale, Herbert Aptheker, Howard L. Parsons, and a bibliographical chapter.

SUMMER: The Symposium on MARXISM AND ALIENATION and ROBERT OWEN'S VISION OF A SOCIALIST AMERICA, in speeches before the U. S. Congress, 1825, edited by Oakley C. Johnson.

ADDITIONAL: Bibliographical volumes on MARXISM AND ECONOMICS, MARXISM AND AESTHETICS, as well as Occasional Papers already on hand dealing with Ethical Concepts in the Soviet Union, Problems of Certainty, The Peace Movement in Europe between Two World Wars.

SYMPOSIA:

Symposia already planned and scheduled for February, March, April and July include examinations of MARXIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY, MARXISM AND CIVIL RIGHTS, MARXISM AND PSYCHOLOGY, MARXISM AND RELIGION.

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We will expand our number of Associates, here and abroad. We will expand our services to scholars and students. We will expand our Library. We will expand our NEWSLETTER.

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We take some pride in what has been achieved so far; but we know that AIMS has only begun to influence thinking in the United States. Our goals of enhancing radical scholarship and encouraging dialogue rather than diatribe are long-range; progress towards their accomplishment often is undramatic and always is difficult to measure. But what is at stake is the education of an entire generation of Americans, so that they will be better equipped to comprehend present day reality; in this effort AIMS has played an honorable role and intends to enhance this contribution in the year and years ahead.

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## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

"As a matter of course I should assume that anybody who wants to inquire into the teachings of Karl Marx should be free to do so, in the U.S.A., without arousing any critical concern of the enemies of Marxism; we certainly have not alone the right, but the duty, to be intelligent about the issues that concern us."

*February 12, 1964*

WILLIAM ERNEST HOCKING  
Alford Professor Emeritus  
Harvard University

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"It gives me great pleasure to learn of the establishment of the American Institute for Marxist Studies. . . . I see this achievement as a significant step toward a fuller intellectual freedom in our society, with a more vigorous and unfettered dialogue on the great issues confronting our generation. . . .

"Speaking as a liberal of the humanistic Left, I have always since my Scandinavian student days benefitted from the stimulus of Marxist arguments. I naturally conclude that present-day American students, too, would profit from a readier access than they have today to the intellectual challenge of Marxism. The international importance of communism and socialism today makes it particularly important that people in this country become more sophisticated in their comprehension of Marxist and anti-Marxist thought. And I take it that to achieve this is one of the main purposes of A.I.M.S. . . ."

*February 28, 1964*

DR. CHRISTIAN BAY  
Menlo Park, California



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THE IDEAS OF MARXISM, says the *Columbia Encyclopedia*, have "exerted an incalculable influence on the modern world." The outstanding American scholars of the past also have emphasized this influence and have affirmed their belief that it has been a salutary one. This is true of the greatest names in American learning: Charles A. Beard, Franz Boas, John R. Commons, James Harvey Robinson, Edwin R. Seligman, Albion W. Small and Thorstein Veblen. It was Veblen who advised his students: "Read Marx, uncover the roots of the problem." It was Small who was certain "that in the ultimate judgment of history, Marx will have a place in social science analogous with that of Galileo in physical science." It was Seligman who affirmed that Marxism would forever "occupy an honored place in the record of mental development and scientific progress."

The political and economic significance of these ideas needs no further proof than the nature of the world today and the fact that hundreds of millions of people live in societies consciously seeking their implementation. Adherence to them has been proclaimed by people universally recognized as among the noblest geniuses of the twentieth century: Du Bois, Dreiser, O'Casey, Bernal, Needham, Gorky, Seghers, Aragon, Amado, Guillen, Hikmet, Laxness, Picasso, Neruda, Brecht. . . .

In the United States, alas, the Cold War has brought with it, in the words of Mr. Justice William O. Douglas, "a black pall of fear" which has inhibited scientific and scholarly work and has all but illegalized Marxism in thought, as various enactments have sought to do in practice. This blights American scholarship and shames the United States. To help overcome this blight, to enhance Marxist scholarship in the United States, and to change vituperation into conversation—these are the essential purposes of The American Institute for Marxist Studies.

After many months of preliminary organizational effort, the thirty-eight distinguished men and women listed hereafter have come forward as Officers and Founding Sponsors of this Institute. One hundred and fifty scholars from Atlanta to Seattle, representing areas of learning from architecture to zoology, have joined the Institute as Associates; many are on the faculties of some

two-score universities, others function professionally outside campuses. The Officers, Sponsors, and Associates represent most varied philosophic outlooks; but all are agreed as to the significance of the Marxist and all believe that only through the fullest and most cordial discussion and intellectual intercourse can the cause of science and of reason be served.

The Officers, Sponsors and Associates have seen and generally have approved this Prospectus of AIMS:

*Character:* A non-profit educational, research and bibliographical institute.

*Purposes:* To help foster Marxist scholarship in United States.

To help produce a dialogue among Marxist and non-Marxist scholars.

The Institute appeals to four types of people—

- 1) Those who think Marxism is valid;
- 2) Those who do not think it is valid, but who find it illuminating;
- 3) Those who may not themselves find it particularly illuminating, but who agree that it is important and must be taken seriously; and
- 4) Those who do not hold any particular position toward Marxism, but who feel that its de facto illegalization is harmful to scholarship and contemptuous of civil liberties.

*Structure:* The Institute will have an Executive Council and Research Centers. These Centers will have a Director, Research Assistants, and a secretarial and clerical staff. Institute Associates throughout the country will serve as resource personnel for bibliographical, research, educational, and symposium projects. Scholars outside the United States also will be invited to participate as resource personnel.

*Finances:* The Institute will require a considerable sum of money. A substantial portion of this will be realized from payments received for bibliographical, research and forum activities; the remainder will be sought from individual

contributions and from Foundations interested in assisting educational efforts.

*Policy:* The Institute will shun sectarian thinking and rigidity. It welcomes the ferment in thinking about Marxism now astir. It will grind the axe of no group, no party, no organization, no sect. It will engage in no political activity, and take no stand on political questions.

*Activities:* The Institute will labor in four areas in particular:

#### A. EDUCATIONAL:

1. Systematic study and careful analysis will be made of educational programs "about Communism," as required or recommended by public and private systems at elementary and high-school levels.

2. Systematic study and careful analysis will be made of the anti-Marxist literature that has deluged the U.S. during the Cold-War period. Similar consideration will be given the growing literature dealing seriously and effectively with Marxist concepts and theories.

3. There are today scores of universities in which courses are offered in Marxism and Socialism. The Institute, through correspondence with the respective teachers, will seek to be helpful.

4. Libraries with collections especially relevant to the Institute will be established in its Centers. These will serve as basic research tools for the Institute; they also will be open, for a yearly fee, to students and scholars generally.

5. A program recording history-in-the-making will be undertaken. As part of this effort individuals in labor, socialist and radical spheres will be sought out and interviewed. A systematic effort will be made, too, to record significant contemporary social developments and problems. These tapes and records will be useful to many libraries, individuals, groups, forums and radio outlets.

6. Educational films and film strips will be sponsored and encouraged.

7. Student Associates of the Institute will be invited from campuses throughout the country.

8. Forums will be sponsored in various cities. A Yearly Convocation will be held for reading and discussion of papers on significant social, cultural, scientific and philosophical problems.

The papers will be published as the Institute's Yearbook.

9. An AIMS Reprint Series and Index Series will be undertaken; these will concentrate upon rare and highly significant periodicals, pamphlets and books relevant to the Institute's special interests.

#### B. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL:

1. A bibliography of Marxism, concentrating upon materials available in English, but not confined to that language. This will be annotated. A concluding section will be devoted to "Suggestions for Needed Research"; a Supplement will be published at regular intervals.

2. A Marxist bibliography of books (non-fiction) and articles published in the U.S. This will be issued quarterly and will include a yearly index. It will contain selected books and articles—annotated—in all fields. The works will be both Marxist and non-Marxist; they will be those considered most illuminating, informative, challenging.

3. Marxist bibliographies in all fields of human thought. These will be issued in separate volumes; their range will be catholic and they will be annotated. Each will contain a concluding section entitled, "Suggestions for Needed Research"; for each, supplements will be issued at regular intervals.

#### C. RESEARCH:

This form of work will be focussed mainly, but not exclusively on the reality of the U.S. today. Empirical, theoretical, philosophical and analytical work will be undertaken and/or assisted. Special attention will be given to younger scholars. Research will be undertaken also in specific areas upon request from individuals, groups, organizations, trade unions, etc. Mature scholars will be offered both consultative and financial aid.

#### D. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

All efforts of the Institute will converge in the direction of securing a fairer hearing for Marxism. The late C. Wright Mills declared that all social science for the past century was a dialogue with Marx, but in the U.S. since the end of World War II, it has been closer to a monologue and a diatribe.



In its main purpose—helping to produce a confrontation with the Marxist outlook—the Institute will seek to bring this outlook into all debate and discourse. The de facto suppression of Marxism vitiates American scholarship; it is especially frustrating for younger scholars.

The Institute, in producing a confraternity of dissenting and critically-minded scholars, will provide a meeting ground, a source of strength and encouragement. By stimulating the widest possible debate and expression of views and combining not programmatically but rather in dedication to the principles of scientific inquiry, the Institute should have an invigorating impact upon the American intellectual scene.

The essence of the Institute idea is well conveyed in the letter which Professor Robert S. Cohen sent to the National Director accepting his post as Chairman. It reads:

*Boston, Mass.*

"I shall be glad to serve as chairman of the American Institute for Marxist Studies, at least for an initial period. This is an important post in a potentially valuable association of scholars and other Americans. I am flattered to have been elected to it for I have learned much from Marxism, although I am not a Marxist.

"Why do I think that this Institute is needed? There are, after all, sound Marxist scholars in the United States, and there are many non-Marxists who have studied Marxism from special points of view. However, there are the gravest obstacles to general awareness of the simplest as well as of the subtlest aspects of Marxism, obstacles which themselves reveal a peculiar dogmatism in American life. No other democratic country so ignores the thoughts and activities of Karl Marx, and those who come after him: the orthodox and open-minded Marxists, the hostile critics and the friendly sceptics, those who learned and those who borrowed. To confront Marxism creatively and objectively seems to me one of the few essential acts of living in the twentieth century. If our Institute can help American men and women to understand and evaluate the Marxist appraisal of human societies, we will have carried out a modest service to democratic life in America. For democracy requires rational choosing among al-

ternatives, and for people throughout the world, differing Marxisms are among the significant alternatives. And Marxist analysis has been a part of the development of American thought as well.

"No significant alternatives should be neglected. We can learn from all of them. And each of us ought to see to it that every deeply held tradition of interpreting the world be open to American judgment. If the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas were as distorted or neglected as is that of Marx, then I should hope to be asked to join an American Institute of Thomist Studies; and if Freud were ignored, then I would hope that his thought and influence would be cultivated by still another Institute. But in our time the most devastating loss to American thought is the challenge of critical Marxism. The causes of this loss are themselves a subject for reflection, but whatever they may be—fear, manipulation, delusion, ignorance, smugness—we are all losers, for such ignorance of Marxism in this powerful nation is a danger to our perception of world realities.

"I am convinced that we can achieve a most desirable goal by enlisting men and women of the widest and most divergent views in non-partisan studies of Marxist thought."

*March 23, 1964*

The Institute, to succeed, will need the support of scores of scholars in all areas of learning; from them will come the resources, learning, suggestions, bibliographical assistance and forum participation that will make the Institute a significant and salutary force in American intellectual life.

We invite the support of all scholars and public-spirited individuals. Join to whatever degree your time permits in assisting and developing The American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS).



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May 5, 1965

Dear Georg Lukács:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of April 26. All of us are greatly encouraged that you do wish to be among our honored International "ssociates. This Institute continues to grow; there now are about 350 American scholars in some 60 different colleges and universities who have associated themselves with our efforts.

Despite the aggressive foreign policy of the moment, the fact is that public and academic opinion has swung decisively away from the Right; there is a growing rebellion against conservatism and repression, especially among the youth and the faculty members--let alone the Negro masses -- in this country. The last word certainly has not been said yet in the United States. Your letter is most most welcome.

With best wishes and deep respect,

Cordially yours,

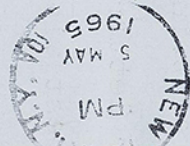
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July 26, 1965

Professor Georg Lukacs  
Budapest, Hungary

Dear Professor Lukacs:

I write to request your approval for an American edition of your book, EXISTENZIALISMUS ODER MARXISMUS. Eva Berczeller has agreed to translate this work; she plans to do so from the Hungarian and to check it against the German. In addition to being most grateful to you in granting such permission, we also would be most obliged if you should wish to suggest other writings by yourself on modern philosophy which might be included in the volume. Professor Robert S. Cohen of Boston University will assist in the preparation of the manuscript; the tentative title we have in mind is: EXISTENTIALISM OR MARXISM: THE CRISIS IN EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY.

The work would be done under the auspices of this Institute and would be published by The Humanities Press in New York City, a most respected scholarly and academic publishing house.

I do hope you will find it possible to favor us with an early and positive reply.

With kindest regards and deep respect,

Cordially yours,

*Herbert Aptheker*  
Herbert Aptheker  
Director

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES  
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L941L L-50/2 June 20, 1966

Dear Georg Lukass:

I hope your health is good and that all is well with you. This Institute is holding a week-long symposium on the theme: MARXISM AND EDUCATION commencing July 18. We would very much like to be able to present and read at that time your essay on Makarenko, which our Chairman, Professor Robert S. Cohen, has in his possession, in translated and typescript form. May we please have your permission to read that paper under those circumstances?

I shall myself be in Halle, Germany, June 28-July 2 (Martin-Luther University has decided to give me an honorary doctorate!) while our Professor Cohen expects to be in Hungary sometime in July. I am sure that he will seek to see you then.

Accept my warmest regards and, as ever, my deepest ~~respect~~ respect.

Cordially yours,

*Herbert Aptheker*

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July 11, 1966

Dear Georg Lukács:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 2. Professor Cohen has already left for Europe; I hope that his schedule is such that he will be able to see you.

Thank you for giving your permission to use your essay on Makarenko for our MARXISM & EDUCATION symposium. You may be sure that your wishes will be followed and that such use will in no way prejudice or interfere with the publication of that essay in book form under different circumstances in the United States.

Wishing you a pleasant summer and continued fruitfulness in your work,

With great respect, I am

Cordially yours,

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Nov 16 1970

Dear Comrade Lukács:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 10, received today. I have already commenced the consultations you suggested and you will hear from me again in full detail in about ten days.

Meanwhile, again, we express our deep appreciation of your initiative. Everything possible will be done within the United States to save the life of Comrade Angela Davis and to secure her full freedom. The movement in her defense within the United States is steadily accumulating power and from every part of the country, among people of all colors and of all persuasions encouraging signs of support are mounting. Of course, pressure from all of Europe will be of great importance. So, you will hear from me in the near future.

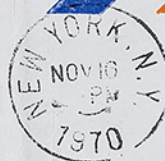
With warmest personal greetings and best wishes,

Fraternally yours,

*Herbert Aptheker*  
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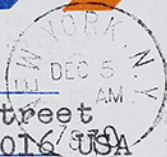
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Dec 31, 1970

Dear Comrade Lukacs:

This will acknowledge receipt of your greatly-appreciated letter dated December 23. I note with joy the work that you have already been able to undertake; the movement in defense of our Angela grows every day and so does our confidence that we will be able to save her. I look forward to the additional communication from you which you mention in above letter.

Let me add that I think you do underestimate the high regard <sup>for</sup> and wide knowledge ~~for~~ of your work in the United States.

With best wishes to you for 1971 and warmest fraternal regards,

*Herbert Aptheker*  
Herbert Aptheker



\* deceased

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Budapest, 20/1/1971.

Dear Comrade Aptheker,

I can inform you about the following progress in the Davis-case. First of all: the text of the protest and the list of the signers attached to my letter were forwarded to the world press last week, and I think they have been published in the greatest continental newspapers. The list is not complete: the Italian names will arrive in a week or so, and because of technical obstacles, but primarily because of the illness of Aragon the probable French supporters of the protest have not yet indicated their participation. I try to convince Picasso through Aragon to join our action; his name would mean very much to the American public opinion. Besides, you are naturally authorized to publish the text and the list anywhere in the American press.

It was my request to Professor Günther Ander /1090 Wien, Lackierergasse 1/5, Austria/, a convinced socialist, a man of integrity and principles /perhaps you are acquainted with his activity in the Russell-Sartre Vietnam-committee/ to continue the organization of the protest. He is younger than I am and in Vienna he can act more easily. Please consult any further step in the continent with him.

My further suggestions are the following. I am informed that a longlasting trial in the United States is extremely expensive. I am ready at any moment indicated by you or by the lawyers of Angela Davis to initiate a campaign of collection by offering a sum of 2000 \$ for the expenses of the trial. Please send me a message if and when Angela Davis needs this sum and this kind of activity.

Finally: I think that it would be a contribution to the campaign of protest if we published the works of Angela Davis. I have heard that she had written a treatise on Kant's Critique of Judgment and also one on the modern novel. If she is willing to publish them and if I can agree at least with the general outlines of these works, I would quite readily write a foreword to both or to one of them. But any case I can place them in West-Germany, Italy, Hungary, etc. with publishers. Please consult the question with Comrade Davis through her lawyers and if she is in accordance with the idea, I ask you to send me the works as soon as possible.

Fraternally:

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/Georg Lukács/

PS. I have just recently received a very kind and fraternal letter from Comrade Berlinguer in which he reports on the progress of the Davis-campaign organized by the Italian party, and promises every kind of activity that is



suggested by me both among the intellectuals and more whider circles of the party members and the youth organizations.

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES  
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January 25 1971

Dear Comrade Lukács:

Our deepest thanks to you for your letter January 20 and the enclosures consisting of the list of signers and of their splendid statement. All this material has been duplicated by me and sent by airmail today to the proper individuals and committees.

Your suggestion concerning her writings also have gone forward to the proper people and will reach her ears and we will see what can be done. Notice is taken, too, of your very generous personal offer of financial assistance; when this necessity appears I am confident that word about that will reach you. I have made note of what you say about Professor Günther Anders and shall be in correspondence with him (as will others working on the defense) in the near future.

I hope your own health is good and that your ~~frink~~ fruitful work continues to go forward.

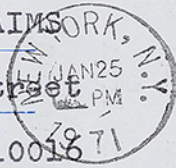
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Feb 4 1971

Dear Comrade Lukacs:

Your recent letter and the appeal signed by the 80 scientists and writers and the many students has reached Angela Davis and she is most grateful and encouraged. Work proceeds here in terms of publication in full-page ads in the NY TIMES and one or two other leading newspapers of the text and signatures; as to the latter perhaps you will soon be sending us further names from France or Italy--or that we will be receiving these from Vienna as your earlier letter indicated. Work also goes forward in the preparation by Angela--with help as needed--of her lectures and other writings; we will keep you informed.

Need now exists for funds. It is estimated that about \$100,000 will be required for the trial itself (quite apart from likely appeals) and that the trial will commence, probably, around May or June. Funds may be sent, made payable to Angela Davis Defense Fund; this may be sent to me at above address or may be sent directly to:  
Angela Davis ~~xxx~~ Defense office  
3450 West 43rd Street, Suite 104  
Los Angeles, California 90008  
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I hope you are well.

Warmest fraternal greetings,

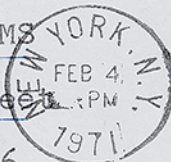
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Dear Comrade Lukacs:

I take the liberty of enclosing here-  
with an unpublished essay by our Comrade  
Angela Davis, written five years ago--when she  
was young indeed. I think you may find it  
worthy of offering for publication in some  
appropriate learned or scientific journal in  
Europe and request that you read it from that  
point of view. Of course, if this is done, please  
do let me know and when published please do see  
that ~~2~~ two or three copies ~~xxxxx~~ are sent to me.

Comrade Angela remains in solitary  
confinement; she is visited fairly regularly by  
attorneys and family but otherwise is kept quite  
isolated from human beings and has no view of  
trees or greenery and almost no opportunity  
for fresh air or sunlight. Medical treatment  
and dental treatment also are quite inadequate  
and to get a minimum requires continual struggle.

Best wishes to you,

Fraternally,

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April 26 1971

Dear Comrade Lukacs

Enclosed please find a receipt for your very generous contribution of two thousand dollars to the struggle to save our Angela. You may be sure that this was greatly appreciated. Angela wrote you a letter and this was given to my daughter when she was visiting the "criminal" but guards searched my daughter, found this "contraband" and confiscated it and had to be dissuaded from arresting my Bettina! We will make other attempts to get to you in Angela's own hand her word of greeting and of love.

I expect to be in Budapest in mid-May in connection with the World Peace Assembly; I shall try to pay my respects to you in person and if this does not discommode you too much perhaps I shall have the pleasure of being with you for as much time as you can spare.

With great respect and fraternal greetings,

*H. Aptheker*

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