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Dear GL:

I don't doubt the least bit that I would not have agreed with Fischer--I never did. Indeed, I have a most unpleasant memory of him when he was a Stalinist fellow-traveller during the Moscow Trials and the Spanish Civil War when, at a mammoth mass meeting in Madison Square Garden, I directly challenged him (from the gallery but loud enough to be heard and to break my vocal chords in the process) and his "popular front theory" that murder of Trotskyites matter not at all, nor those of anarchists, nor Moscow gold corrupting social democrats; "so long as" the fight continues "against fascism", continued the yet-not-"westernized" Fischer, we must support Russia and its "aid and collaboration with Spanish anti-fascist fighters." Of course, there is a story also to tell of your dear seminar at Columbia University now when Fischer is still acceptable, but Lunayevskaya, no, never. eh?

Can't I begin including you in the philosophic dialogue on Hegel, even where not as strictly Hegelian as in the letters to HM? Take the enclosed (please return to me) chapter, very rough, of my new book on the algebra of revolution and the 3 types of revolutions of our epoch? I certainly have little hope of involving any of your American colleagues. You may or may not (what in the heck did you write that you think you might have to "run for cover?") have ended my existence as an "unperson" with your review, but they have yet to think that ideas, <sup>not as politics, but</sup> as ideas, really matter. In that respect, no matter what has happened to Germany, it is the German group alone that listens, seriously listens and hears. All others, ~~not~~ including now the Africans, but excluding the Japanese, are deaf, deaf, deaf.

I understand that your piece on Sartre is included, and mine excluded, in an anthology of sorts on Humanism and Existentialism edited by a Trotskyite for Dell Books. Indeed, they are trying to rush it in advance of one edited by Fromm on socialist humanism in which I am included, not on existentialism, but in a positive expression of the Humanism of Marxism.

How do you find Columbia University and the general academic climate in these US? Please feel free to drop in on me any old time.

Yours,

*Do you have any other recommendations? I'd like to see...*