

Copy of hand written first page of note to Batatu
1/18/86

Hanna Batatu--

It was good to get your letter 10/6/85 after such a long silence and in praise of my work on Womenin's Liberation and the Dialectics of Revolution.

Asad and Syria interest me very much. Could I see any outline of it? Ever since WW II when no revolution comparable to 1917 with Russia itself becoming nothing more state-capitalist, I began extending studies and analysis of dialectics of revolution in new type of nationalisms Est, Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the # 3rd World. Lebanon topped one list because it was the only Arab country that had so many (here to send side not copy available)

Notes by RD on 2nd side *because 2nd p. did not "copy"*
& discussion of Syria, Baath etc. Enclosed PPL on Lebanon + saying something on Asad and asked for part of his work on Syria

16908

December 6, 1985

Dear Rayo,

Many many thanks for your
Women's Liberation and the Dialectics of Revolution.
Reaching for the Future. I always learn from
your writings and find them illuminating
and helpful in my studies.

I am working now on a book on
Syria under Hafiz al-Assad with emphasis on
the interconnectedness of economic, social, and
political processes. In view of the difficulty of
obtaining the necessary documentation I
have not been advancing rapidly. But I hope
to finish the manuscript in a year or so.

I wish you all the best in your
endeavours and hope that our paths will
cross again soon

Yours,

Hanna

16909