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To the N&L Staff: Olga, Eugene, Arlene (copy to Bess)

Dear Colleagues:

The book will never be done if I continue to live the way I have with my house acting as sub-center. There must be a complete, total, and undeviating reorganization. The fact that I was the first to capitulate to pressure for exceptions after everyone at the plenum recognized the need fully "to break with" office and organization needs is not denial, but proof of, the totality with which the reorganization must now be adhered to. Therefore, here are the irrevocable changes to me made:

(1)As of October 1, my phone will be changed to an unlisted number. It will be given to only 3 people in the whole organization: Olga, Eugene, Bess. They, however, will have no authority to give it to any one else, not even to the REB-N&L. I, and I alone, have the right to give this phone out. If others have an emergency reason for contacting me, it still must be done through one of them (and, of course, John) but only I will decide whether direct contact is needed with the person involved.

Olga is to inform the REB informally (i.e., under G&W at next meeting) that I am off limits; that she will be able to reach me in emergencies, but hopes none will arise for at least 6 months; that the only exception would be re the pamphlet, but that I told her that even here, I may meet with no one, not even office staff, but merely be handed the pamphlet as they saw it, and I will return it via correspondence rather than in person.

(2)My house will likewise be off limits as of Oct.1. I am well aware that this nullifies my appeal to Eugene to become my librarian (or by whatever title I designated his previous assignment to reorganize my files). But whatever loss of time this involves before I'm ready to declare my house reachable is preferable to any continuation of what has been; "modifications" are not uprooting, and an unrooting is indispensable.

(3)Finally, one change will involve the whole organization--the planned classes in Philosophy and Revolution are hereby cancelled for an indefinite period, probably till next Spring. No one can do them but I and I cannot take time out; the last straw was the request from New Politics for an article on China which I consider indispensable to fulfill as it opens a new avenue of relationships with others.

Moreover, I doubt the outline by itself will do the trick. This means at least one--professional: p r o f e s s i o n a l--recording is needed. All that can be done before next year is for Eugene to find out what such a professional recording will cost for 2 lectures, and whether copies of it can be made. In the meantime--next month after I am sure the article for New Politics will in fact be published--Olga is to inform the organization (in a regular "Dear Friends" letter which combines the two items of information) that the classes are indefinitely postponed. There is plenty of work without that series--the pamphlet, and all that goes with expansion of work on concentration of growth; and a class on the order of WBA of which I wrote to Mike, or one on new pamphlet can be initiated without me.

While I am not off limits to correspondence, I prefer this be limited to the subject of philosophy. The only thing that will govern anything I do will be the self-movement of the ideas of the book itself, and the breaks it may necessitate.

Yours,

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