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Dear Raya:

My commentary should be in your hands by now. As for the "Owl of Minerva" I trust, incorrigible optimist that I am, that it doesn't necessarily have to wait for dusk to fly.

PHILOSOPHY AND REVOLUTION as it now stands will, with the footnotes following the text and with an index, come to more than 400 book-pages. This means that we would have to price the hardcover edition, if we were to do it, at \$10.00 or more, and the Delta paperback edition at about \$3.95. This would seriously circumscribe our prospective audience.

I have two suggestions as to how to shorten the manuscript and I offer them knowing that I risk loud shrieks of anguish from you. First, there is the Appendix, the translation of Grundrisse. It is not only a classical illustration that economics is "the dismal sciences," but in light of the fact that there are two editions of it, the one translated by Jack Cohen, which you mention in the text and in the bibliography, but there is also the hardcover and paperback edition of David McLellan's translation, published by Harper and Row here in New York. Second, there is the Jean-Paul Sartre chapter, which can very comfortably be dropped without perceptibly affecting the organicity of the book. *John*

If we deleted both the Grundrisse and the Sartre sections, we'd save about 60 book-pages. I strongly urge that you give my suggestions careful consideration because to publish the book as is would severely handicap its sales and potentiality and, consequently, its viability. Don't think that I'm unaware of how painful this surgery would be to you, but I sincerely believe that the operation would promise the patient longer life. I hope you will survive the shock and will concur with me.

Yours,

Rich

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