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Dear HH,

How are you? Do you know whether you'll have any free time April 21 or 22? My lecture tour this year calls for my speaking in San Diego those two days, and I thought I would like to talk with you on two matters.

As you know, I have been working for some time on a study of Rosa Luxemburg and today's VLM. I've been concentrating on the period 1919-18, which is when Rosa broke with Kautsky, heightened her agitation not only on the general strike, but the opposition to imperialism, not only "in general," but most specifically the SD's failure to carry on a campaign during the Kappeler crisis, and writing her greatest theoretical work, Accumulation of Capital. In all these, she was way ahead of all other international leaders, including Lenin. At the same time, I was most anxious to get a feel of the times and the person, from those who knew Rosa or participated in Spartakus. Among few of the letters I did receive were quite illuminating. I was most anxious to get your reactions, but since you never write to me, I am looking forward to the opportunity of talking with you.

The other matter concerns those horrors in Washington that manage to compete with the tortoise in the lackadaisicalness with which they respond to requests under the Freedom of Information Act. Since I wrote you last on the question, I have received very little from them, and they have not moved an inch when it comes to not just censoring what they did send me, but refusing categorically under god knows what "special" laws to allow access to any part 1962-63, and 1964-65. In '62-'63 I was in Africa, had quite a bit of harassment, especially from British and French imperialism, and...as well as the fact that here I "celebrated" the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation with my pamphlet American Civilization on Trial which in the very first paragraph challenged J. & R. Kennedy, J. Edgar Hoover, and a few other big names. In '65, I was in Japan and Hong Kong, and I didn't leave until the beginning of Mao's Cultural revolution. Have you had any better results from your requests for information?

Yours,

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