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Dear Comrade Kosik:

Ever since I read your article in Socialist Humanism I have been much interested in reading more by you. I am now looking forward to the work, The Dialectic of the Concrete; and have in fact asked the Philosophy and Phenomenological Research to announce its German publication.

I am sure you are aware of the fact that Marxism is not the most popular topic in the US, and especially not if you happen to be, as I am, a Marxist-Humanist. Besides this difficulty, you then run into the narrow, stupid academic world which keeps Hegel in theology while the few independent Marxist are so afraid of Hegel's Absolutes that they too keep as far away as possible. One of the few academic Marxists, Herbert Marcuse, who happened to have written the foreword to my Marxism and Freedom, at this point of Hegel's "ontology" has nothing more to say than that Hegel returned to Aristotle's Absolutes. This is not my view; I believe that it is precisely those last chapters of PHENOMENOLOGY OF MIND, and SCIENCE OF LOGIC that we have to work out for our age. It is difficult to work in a vacuum, and that is why I would like to ask your comments on the very rough draft of the chapter on "Hegel's Absolutes As New Beginnings". I would naturally consider them "private" for it is indeed for clarification on a strictly philosophic matter when one makes radical departures from previous interpretations, and not for any "politics".

I will look forward to hear from you either directly or through Com. S. to whom I am sending this chapter of my work.

Fraternally yours,

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