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Dear Raya:

It was a great pleasure to meet with you in Chicago a couple of weeks ago. I always enjoy seeing you, especially for such an important meeting as planning a lecture at Wayne State University.

Since our visit I have met with Olga Domanski and had an opportunity to show her our exhibit area. I also had an opportunity to talk to Mike Flug at some length. We have reserved a lecture room in the McGregor Memorial Conference Center for Wednesday and Thursday, March 20 and 21. As soon as you decide which day is preferable, I will release the other day.

I think that it would be appropriate to have a meeting scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m., followed by a reception in the Reuther Library, which is adjacent to the McGregor Center.

It is possible that you will want to set aside some time for a news conference. You may wish to do this the day of the lecture or the day following.

I look forward to receiving further information from Olga and Mike regarding the types of items, photographs, manuscripts, books, posters, etc., that you would like to have exhibited.

We are looking forward to your visit.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip P. Mason".

Philip P. Mason  
Director  
Professor of History

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January 12, 1985

Dr. Philip Mason, Director  
Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs  
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Dear Dr. Mason:

Raya has asked me to answer your letter to her, just received, without waiting for the material we are planning to send you in just a few days, so that you can release the room at McGregor Memorial Conference Center for the day we will not be using it. We believe that holding the meeting on Thursday, March 21, would be preferable, if that meets with your approval. The time you suggest -- 7 to 9 p.m. for the lecture and discussion, with reception in the Reuther library immediately after -- is fine with Raya. So is the idea of a press conference -- except that Raya feels it would be best to have it the day before the lecture, that is, Wednesday, March 20, which gives us a chance to perhaps have something in the daily press right on Thursday, the day of the lecture. Such coverage has definitely brought some people to lectures Raya has given in other cities -- people who would not have heard about it through other channels. Coverage in the South End on the day before or the day of lectures at Wayne State University has always helped audience attendance, of course, and we take for granted they would be interested in featuring something like the program you are planning.

You can be sure I described my tour of your exhibit area in great detail to Raya, and that we have been working up the sort of list you asked to have forwarded to you by Jan. 15, and believe it will be rich in the sorts of pictures, documents, posters, books and other materials we discussed to make a most exciting display. We will be forwarding it to you by Express Mail, so that, even given the fact that Jan. 15 is a Federal Holiday and the Library may be closed, you will have it no later than Jan. 16. (Because that Express Mail letter may reach you before this letter, given the conditions of postal delivery these days -- your letter of Jan. 4, postmarked Jan. 8, reached us on Jan. 11 -- I will enclose a carbon of this note in the Express Mail envelope.)

Raya asks me to extend her warmest greeting and to tell you what a pleasure it was to have you visit her here just before the holidays. We are very much looking forward to the events in Detroit on March 20 and 21. Please let me know of whatever I can do to help make it the exciting success I know it will be.

Best wishes,

*Olga*  
Olga Bonanski

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