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Dear John O'Neill:

You are absolutely the hardest person to communicate with --and that is "historic" as I know no other Irishman who isn't beautifully voluble. Since I do not even know whether you still are at York, I'm sending the last 3 chapters registered.

The final chapter (9) on New Passions and New Forces has been finished rather hurriedly, and I have not had a chance to read it, so it will need pruning and editing. But no major changes insofar as thought is concerned will be introduced. Therefore you are seeing the book as whole. The only thing I am not including is the Appendix-- a first translation of excerpts from the Grundrisse which another Canadian German translated for me but did not make extra copies. I do include, as frontispiece, the single quotation on "absolute movement of becoming" from that magnificent work.

When may I hope to hear from you? When do you think you will get a chance to write your Preface to it? I hope to edit and turn over to typist for professional typing the whole manuscript in mid-June and after July 4th I will start walking the hard sidewalks of NY for publisher. Do you suppose you could have your commentary ready by July 15th?

Did I tell you that, along with the French edition of Marx and Fredson, a British edition is now coming off the press in London? They are a bit thicker than the American editions since the French includes, as appendices, first and foremost the Sheng-wu-lion document, and my piece on the "Cultural Revolution" as well as my special introduction to the French edition, while the British edition has, beside all the new appendices, also a new Preface by a magnificent Scotsman, Harry McShane, who has been in every class struggle from 1919 and has just celebrated his 80th birthday.

Yours, exhaustedly,

Did I ever include a contents page?

Philosophy and Revolution consists of Part I--Why Hegel? Why Now?

Ch.1--Hegel's Absolute as New Beginnings:

Phenomenology of Mind, Science of Logic, Philosophy of Mind

Ch. 2 - Karl Marx --From Critic of Hegel to Author

of Communist Manifesto; Grundrisse; Capital

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Ch.9 -"New Passions and New Forces."

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