

[To the Political Committee]

October 6, 1975

Dear Jack,

We were very disappointed that neither you nor Joe were present at the October meeting. We thought that we had agreed upon that presence during our Montreal meeting, and that we had fixed the date according to your wishes. For us it is very difficult--and in some cases impossible--just to continue to postpone decisions for lack of adequate consultation, due to absence at commonly fixed meetings.

For the November meeting: in function of the previously communicated date of Nov. 15-16, the people of the Critique magazine had shifted their annual public conference, which I have to address (probably with a debate with the Polish economist Bruz, if not with Ota Sik) to Nov. 21-22. If you can't make it for Nov. 15-16, the only solution I see is to hold our meeting on November 23-24 (a postponement of another week is out of the question for us), i.e. on Sunday and Monday. I shall then limit my participation to the Critique conference to Saturday, which means that we could have informal discussions on Thursday and Friday (Nov. 20-21). But that would imply that you could arrive here on Nov. 19 so as to get over the jet lag. If that is impossible, and if you could only come on Nov. 21, there would be no possibility for prior consultation, and in that case I think it would be advisable to keep the meeting at the original date of Nov. 15-16.

Please let me know your opinion on this as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,
s/Ernest

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October 14, 1975

Dear Ernest,

Thank you for your letter of October 6. Your proposal to hold an informal discussion on the twentieth and twenty-first prior to the November 23-24 meeting is acceptable to us. We assume from your letter that you would leave for the Critique conference Saturday morning and return Saturday evening, and that if need be we can continue the discussion on the morning of the twenty-third prior to the beginning of the formal decision-making sessions. We are also willing to stay following the meeting if it would be productive to have further informal consultation.

Comradely,
s/Jack