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Dear Ferruccio:

A quick note as your letter arrived here just as I was passing through on the way west to see the kids and Dianne. I have a new address which you can note (I have left Washington U., probably permanently, after a very nasty fight with all sorts of people on what amounted to the political execution of a comrade): Empire State College, 2 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. My home address is 264 S. Allen Street, Albany, New York 12208.

1 - I will do what I can to get Greenwood to sign the contract. I am sure they will. I have nothing legally to do with this but I am sure they will move. Will Feltrinelli accept a compromise at \$625.00? You can drop me a note, c/p Dianne Luthmers, R.R. #3, Nelson, British Columbia, Canada. I'll be there until the 20th of August. Thanks for your help. I look forward to its publication in Italy. I am delighted that Bruno will translate it because I think he will understand it. (He is the guy I met who had been at Columbia or Pennsylvania, no?)

2 - I really don't know anyone but me or Marty who can do the job you suggest for the other publisher. If Marty would do it, I would prefer it. I can't contact him right now as he and Jesse have gone camping and won't be back for ten days. But I will push him on it - if not, I'll do it and I will be very good about it, particularly now that I have a research associate, a young comrade, Marc White, who will do it with me I think. He is in San Francisco and I am not sure what the situation is so I can't say for certain but even if he doesn't, I can, because frankly, I have much more time than ever before and a sense of doing things again.

3 - Sign my name on any protest about Glairo and I am sure Marty's. I also think Carl Boggs would and would help organize people. On this ~~point~~ <sup>to</sup> me c/o Dianne and send me appropriate material, i.e. something to sign etc.

4 - This part is for Selma because I am in a terrible rush and rather than not answering, I will do it this way. (See enclosed page for her)

5 - Still hope to get to Europe this year....Will let you know. Thanks for the letter.

fraternally as ever

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P.S. no enclosed letter for Selma because I have no time to write anything I want to send. I wrote one thing but just ~~put~~ it up because it was not true. Tell her that the matter is simple: I can't imagine there being the slightest chance I can find her a penny for any work, not because I wouldn't get it for her if I knew where to go but right now I am so totally politically quiet and without contacts that it is just not available to me and there is no money in American academia for any such project. The political repression in the university is great and all I do is keep my head above water..... I will write to her later.

P.P.S. Idea: if Selma wrote a substantial outline of a book (50-60 pages long, that is a 50-60 page outline) I might be able to get a small advance (say \$500-1000) for such a book. \$ (see other side)



\* Politically quiet for me means one thing -  
there is little to <sup>do</sup> except one's own work  
in an atmosphere in which 75% the  
New Left have discovered that Mr. Gorman is  
God, 15% have rediscovered and are out  
Stalinism, and 10% have become  
theoretical anarchists who love the  
workers, but worry about poetry, drugs,  
~~and~~ and sex, and the working class is  
~~not~~ not too far from a middle-class intellectual.  
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quiet and the women's movement  
has joined the Mr. Gorman camp  
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