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Dear Selma James:

Thank you for your quick reply to my letter to Felling Wall Press. I'm sorry I did not recognize the as a copyright when glancing over the cover of WOMEN AND THE SUBVERSION OF THE COMMUNITY. I should have known that of course such a good piece would be.

I don't recall what I put in my letter to Felling Wall Press, So I'll start from the beginning. The World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) is an old ecumenical organization consisting of Student Christian Movements in over 100 countries of the world, mostly Protestant groups. As with students everywhere these movements have been getting more radical through the past several years, especially those in Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East with the rest of the continents not far behind. As our quadrennial theme we have adopted "Liberation" - a little vague but necessarily so to cover everything from PAIGC to the NLF to black and women's groups in the U. S. There is much use of Marxist language and concepts as tools in our understanding of the church tradition and the contemporary struggle to overthrow U.S. (and W. Europe) imperialism - for instance a recent paper by an Italian named Sergio Rostagno entitled "Is an Interclass Reading of the Bible Legitimate?" in which he notes that the Church, being a church of the bourgeoisie, wanted all people to believe that the Bible said the same thing to everyone rather than being conditioned by class reality.

I was hired two years ago from the grass roots radical feminist movement to work with WSCF on Women's Liberation and International Issues. With a collective here I worked on collecting material from women around the world, which was published a year ago; the only copy I know of in London belongs to Caröl Barker, Annandale, North End Road, London N.W. 11. We have since revised it and eliminated some of the poorer articles, especially one on Women in Israel. We are now narrowing the material down to what we feel is the best for inclusion in a book to be published by WSCF. We are choosing mostly analytical articles including the following: "Revolutionary Women" (Mozambique); "Women's Liberation: A Black South African Women's View"; Newsletter from Redstockings, Denmark; "The Rural Woman in Peru"; Women and the Cuban Revolution; Women in Iran; DFFLP Women; The Black Movement and Women's Liberation (From the Black Scholar); In Pursuit of Liberation; and many others.

The book is aimed at an audience serious about pursuing women's Oppression in its international context, its relation to capitalism, its roots in women's daily lives. It will also include several poems. It is being published as a service (that is, the WSCF does not make any money on its books but publishes them because it is concerned to get information out not being printed by others).



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If you disapprove we most certainly will not use the material. However we feel that yours is one of the best pieces we've seen and would feel very badly doing the book without it. We feel it ties up so many things in a way that should be clear to both socialists and women just beginning to search for the roots of their oppression.

Can you let me know as soon as possible. I will be in Geneva working on the final editing process Nov. 8-18, so please write me there if at all possible. Thank you very much.

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