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Dear Tove Bro,

Please forgive me for the delay in replying to your letter. Both Mariarosa and I attended the international Wages for Housework conference in Toronto, Canada in October, which has meant we have put off other work. The conference was a great success, you will be glad to know, and the movement in North America has gained much strength.

Our being together in the same city gave us a chance to discuss your letter and proposal in ~~some~~^{some} detail, and we agreed on the following:

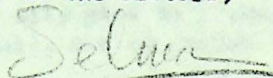
1. We are concerned about who exactly will publish the book. Are you planning to start a publishing house? The book has been translated into a number of languages and our experience is that the book circulates best if
 - a) there is a publishing house which can produce it in a ~~good~~^{good} looking and accurate format.
 - b) if there is access to an adequate network of distribution
 - c) if there is a fixed financial arrangement with the authors. We both are involved almost full-time in political activity, and any income we receive from the book liberates our time for that activity, so this is an important political consideration for us.
 - d) if the translation is adequately checked. We have had very disappointing experiences. It has been recommended to us that Jennifer Clarice, Sofievej 15^A, ~~XXXXXX~~ 2900 Hellerup, whose first language is English could be very useful in checking this translation. We have contacted her and she is willing to help.
2. We are concerned about any introduction which is written to the book. I enclose a copy of the Preface to the third and latest edition. (I should be glad to know from what edition you have been translating. The text of the third edition does not vary from the second, except for this preface.) You will see from it that the book has been the basis of the Wages for Housework campaign. We could not accept that an introduction from another political perspective introduced the book, since that would undermine the purpose of the book, which is to promote the growth and development of Wages for Housework groups and specific types of political activity.
3. We are concerned that the book not be in any way linked with ~~publishing~~ the publishing organisations of male-dominated left organisations, and your letter seems clearly to differentiate your intention from that.

We were very happy to read your letter and ~~you~~ knew your interest in the book. Our publishing activities have extended since its publication, as our campaign has developed, and we now have an anthology in English, and a number of ~~pub~~ pamphlets. I enclose some of our more popular material, all of which are developments of a book which, we are glad, continues to be useful. All good wishes to the ~~ix~~ sisters in Denmark. I enclose a copy of our journal. ~~and~~ You may and others may be interested in writing news of your activities and of the struggles of Danish women for the information of English-speaking women on both sides of the Atlantic. We are most concerned to get information about Iceland. Is it possible that you know the address of Red Socks who are

supposed to have organised the sensational recent strikes? We have hardly any information at all here about that strike, but it is exactly what our campaign has been predicting and organising for, for some time. When all women come out on strike, only then will the government, the employers and men know what is the power of women.

With every good wish, and ~~xx~~ awaiting your reply,

Power to the sisters,



(Selma James)

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