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Dear Mariarosa:

Thank you very much for your letter commenting on my manuscript. I have made some changes in line with your suggestions but unfortunately because the manuscript had already been typeset by the time I received your comments, my editor would not allow the longer changes. I wish things had been such that we could have communicated sooner. I will send you a copy of the typeset version and the notes, but remember that the copy you will have is before the final corrections.

I want to tell you now that I am currently writing (with Prof. Peter Bell of SUNY) a book on Marxian Theories of Economic Crisis (Marx and post WWII marxists) in which a long chapter will be devoted to our perspective on the crisis. That chapter will include materials and discussion on the developments in Italy and will deal with Wages for Housework in so far as it seems appropriate to the subject. Therefore I would like to ask you now if you could send me any materials by yourself or others in Wages for Housework (beyond what I cite in my book and what you have already sent--thank you) that deal with the crisis. I realize of course that the whole analysis in a sense deals with the crisis since it deals not only with the development of women's power but also the role of that power in subverting the community and ~~undermining~~ undermining capitalist reproduction. So I am thinking here of materials that address the concept of "crisis" or the reality of "crisis" directly. And this might include materials which attack ~~other~~ other "marxist" analyses of the situation. We are working on the book this semester and hope to finish a draft by the middle of May. The outline is: Chap. 1 introduction, chap. 2, Marx; chap 3, Baran and Sweezy, 50s; chap 4, old left counterattack Mandel, Mattick etc and Sweezy et al response; chap 5, the neo-ricardians and theories of conflict over relative shares--Glyn and Sutcliffe etc; chap 6, our own views on the crisis. In each chapter we deal with the various theories as moments of the political practice of these we study and try to show the relationship-- e.g. Sweezy's underconsumptionism and his stalinism, etc. We will be dealing primarily with American Marxists and some English and Italian literature. We would of course be interested in any reflections or writings you might have on any of this and we will certainly send you a copy of chapter 6 when it is in draft form.

Thank you again for your comments and I hope our paths will cross in April in Milano.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Harry Dean".