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Dear Anton Pannekoek,

thanks for your two air-mail letters. I wrote you already that the changes made in the manuscript are so slight that really nothing is changed. Most of the corrections you indicate had already been made, but some escaped us and I have made them now. I thank you for sending these corrections. On the matter whether to use the quotations of the first or the second English edition, I could only say that I would prefer to let things stand as they are. If the second edition appeared 1947, you could not possibly have taken it into account in a book you want us to point out was written in 1933. But this is entirely up to you. If you want me to replace the quotations, please send them at once, as I am not sure that I will get the second edition here. (I tried last night without success). However, I compared the Quotations of the First edition with those you have in your German version of your book and found that they do not deviate, or at least, do not deviate enough to make matters unclear, or to warrant drastic changes. But if we do use the second edition, we should forget about the remark by Deborin and ignore the first edition altogether. We should, in my opinion, use only one edition and avoid pointing to two. I still think the first edition is the better one, because it is volume XIII of Lenin's Collected Works- authorized by the Lenin Institute in Moscow. But it is up to you. ----- I am glad to hear that Dr. Brauns is alright.

Best wishes,

