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Dear Comrade Pannekoek,

first of all many thanks for your friendly report to the Guggenheim Foundation. What you said about the importance of an objective study of Germany will prove very helpful. However, the chances to get the Fellowship are very small. There are too many applicants, and than my whole past speaks really against me, from the point of view of those who grant the Fellowships. But some times accidents do happen, and it is not totally excluded that I find consideration. But soon I will know. I would like very much to be enabled to write a book on Germany. And if I should be able to go to Europe next year, I hope to be able also to see you again and to talk with you at greater lengths.

I am glad to hear that the 10 copies of your booklet reached you. You are right, I never came to preparing the list of corrections. The damage was somehow done, because the bulk of the pamphlets was sent out before we received your complaint. And in single copies, that go out from time to time, we can correct the bad points ourselves without much trouble. I do not believe any longer that we will get rid of the second thousands we have still on hand. Nevertheless, I will have those corrections made up for all eventualities and enclose them in future orders.

I did not actually count all the copies sold (or sent out) but judging from the bundles at hand it must be a thousand. But we have not as yet recovered our expenses. Altogether (printing, advertising, postage, etc.) we spent nearly \$ 700.00. But as some of the money was given in the form of donations, it did not really matter what the expenses were. Right now we have on hand the sum of \$ 350.00. And if we could sell the other 1000 copies we should have a surplus. But as I said before, I do not believe that we will be able to sell this second 1000 of copies. At any rate, we have 350 dollar and therewith the money for a new publication. How this money will be spent I do not know as yet, but it will be used for another publication.

It is a pity that you decided to have your book on the Workers' Councils published in Australia. With the money you spent on this endeavor, and with the money in our hands right here, we could have easily published the book here in New York. I felt at the time, that I could not risk publishing the book, because I was not sure whether or not we would be able to get some money back from the "Lenin"-pamphlet. But with a subsidy of \$ 400.00 we could have easily published it here. But it is too late now, and we can only hope that Dawson will get the book finally out. We will try to sell as many copies as we can here and will send him the money. But I am afraid that nothing will come of the whole thing. Dawson himself does no longer write to me, but a close friend of his, who does his correspondence now, wrote me that I should expect nothing any longer from Dawson because he is very ill and somehow bankrupt. He gave a nice picture of Dawson as a likeable human being, but he also said that he is entirely unreliable and totally disorganized in his business deals. He is disorganized to a point, that he often throws money orders away together with the waste papers. He seems to be a nice person, with lots of good will and great personal honesty, but unable to organize his life and work in a way usually considered rational. I think it is good under these circumstances that you are no longer able to send money to Australia; it may very well be wasted. With printing costs as they are in Australia your \$ 400.00 should have enabled Dawson a long time ago to get your book out. But I still hope that it will come out despite the pessimistic reports I received. I you want to write to this friend of Dawson who gave me all this sad informa-



tion, his address is: Henry Mayer, 173 Royal Parade, Melbourne N.2. Under the circumstances I don't think it would make much sense to send Dawson the \$ 350.00 we have here on hand. At any rate not before we heard from him something definite on the matter. Yet I still think that sooner or later the book will be out, particularly because of the fact, that such a large part of it already exists in printed form.

I am very busy here to finish my book on "Marx and Keynes". I still hope to be able to get it out before the Spring is over. I also wrote some articles which I try to get published. So far I had no success. But if anything appears I will send it to you.

We hope that things will improve with Dr. Brauns. Please give him and his family our best regards. Also to your own family.

With all my best wishes,

Paul Mattick

That we did not realize more than \$ 350. - out of the distribution of the first thousand copies of "Lenin as Philosopher" is explained by the fact, that we did not get any kind of payment for the books going abroad, to Europe, Australia, South America. The books sold here in America are sold at a 40 or 50 % discount, so that we realize (less we pay the postage) only 50 cents per copy. Some people did not pay. At any rate all we got out of the 1000 copies is the \$ 350. - on hand.