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Dear Raya,

Thank you for your New Year's wishes, which I warmly reciprocate.

Please do not worry about my writing a very warm appraisal of the manuscript. I have read it partly, and my respect of and interest in it has only grown, so that I could even write such a statement right now without reading any further, if necessary. I have not written it yet because I am still trying to finish reading all of it and also was under the impression that if the publisher has my statement in February, it would be time enough since after all, the book will be published in the fall. The process of reading it is slow because in revising my manuscript which is difficult to accomplish anyway within the required time, I got into new snags which make the task still more difficult.

Please be assured that you do not have any doubts about my coming through with a useful and favorable statement. Of course I am sure that Marcuse could have done the same, even if he had not read the whole manuscript, but I am unfortunately not surprised at his reaction.

Please, if I am mistaken in my assumption that February is time enough, write me immediately and I shall get you the statement earlier, although as I said, I would have liked to read all, or work of the book.

With warm regards,

Yours,

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