

My dear Mario,

Many thanks for your good wishes for my birthday in your letter of May 30th. I suppose that you did not yet have my letter (of May 29? or also May 30th?) when you wrote yours.

Your birthday present to me - I mean your collection of 29 essays! - is certainly by far the greatest and by far the most valuable birthday present which anybody ever got; and I am sure that it is also the most arduous and laborious one which I shall ever get.

But may I nevertheless still ask you to make an effort for Bill Bartley? You say that the publisher grumbled about the delay. But since my birthday is also delayed (it is only on July 28th - ~~at~~ a delay of almost two months!!), this is not, perhaps, as serious as you need



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he believe! In earnest, I should be very  
 sad if Bartley cannot be included.

I am very ready (and so is Henrie) to  
 swear any oath that you are not a Commu-  
 nist, and I am sure I can find any number  
 of people in my department to do the same.  
 So please tell me what I shall do. - I can  
 also write to some U.S. friends and/or  
 universities. Please let me know.

Since I look upon you, and especially Marta,  
 as foster-children, I shall be foster great-grandfather  
 when you become a grandfather. (But I admit that  
 I did not bargain for this eventuality.) Love to both of you  
 Karl