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September 5, 1939

Dear Mr. Bliven,

Several weeks ago I wrote a sort of manifesto, called "Letter to the Intellectuals in the Third Reich", which is going to be distributed ~~ed-~~ within Germany by the means of underground channels. As far as I am told, the actual circulation of this pamphlet has already started some time ago.

Incidentally I re-read this essay this very morning, and I couldn't help feeling it ~~is~~ ^{is at this moment} more timely than ever. For it deals with the tremendous responsibility of the German writers, and with the crucial rôle they will play - or should play - in the drama we are ^{now} watching at this moment.

Therefore I decided to publish certain significant parts of the pamphlet in English translation as well. I am sure some London magazine may be interested in this material - the New Statesman, perhaps - , and ~~the~~ ^{an} American version I would like to see in the New Republic. I think I may be able to condense ^{approximately} the material to an article of around four normally type-written pages.

Please, will you kindly let me know whether or not you want me to offer this material to your magazine. I hope you may be friendly enough to answer this letter without delay, and, if

possible, by a night letter. Of course, your declaration - that you are interested in such an article - would not mean any obligation from your side. I just would not like the idea of sending you the material - which I consider to be rather important - without knowing if you are interested in principle.

....Thanks for the letter I had from you, some days ago. My parents and Erika still are in Sweden, and hope to sail at September 11 th., on a small Swedish boat.

With my best regards,

cordially yours,

Klaus,
Hannj

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