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Engels said: "was a great tragedy, as the second time as  
 Henry James" (p. 381 of volume 37 of Marx-Engels - Werke)  
 and gives the names: "Comunisten für Revolution"

among other words

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said: "But above all Marx was a little fool  
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Still Mehring was a giant (in spite of <sup>the Hegelian</sup> ~~being~~) and  
as the one-eyed among the blind; and  
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Not only Tury but the other two daughters  
did not like Engels, "the General". So even  
~~the~~ Tury was the first who presented to the  
son of Luchien Demuth on the 1. Congress of the  
II. Intern. to Clara Zetkin <sup>as her brother</sup>. I am not sure  
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of the house, but she slept with others and  
especially liked some Hungarian emigrants.  
This all, though I still ~~do~~ <sup>do</sup> not believe  
that humanistic Philology ~~works~~ with  
Hegel - Hegel himself said that it ~~works~~

With Friedrich - without the Friedrich of Lenin and Hensler  
no Hegel! That's the way you see in company with Lenin, Marx  
the Friedrich of Lenin and Hensler  
the way back: P.B.

May 4, 1979  
(rec'd June 7, 1979)

Dear Ray:

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In the article on Hal Draper's voluminous nonsense/is said (as always) that the first sentence in the 18th Brunsaire extending Hegel's remark ("somewhere") is originally by Marx. In fact Engels wrote him just that, and Marx used it (not quoting the source in Hegel, probably because he relied on Engels' remark). Look at Engels' letter to Marx -- 3. XII. 1851.

There is much to say about Engels; I never liked him too much, and neither did any of Marx's daughters -- he was an awful person, intolerant in fact. He prevented the publishing of the speech against Citizen Weston while this is the best work by Marx (written by Marx in English) and published after Engels' death by Eleanor and Aveling (Aveling was more of a "manch" than Party history has it).

Forceful  
Engels' Feuerbach is undoubtedly not as forceful as Marx's Theses, but his remark that Heinrich Heine was the "only one" in Germany who understood Hegel is correct and genial. The last sentence in Feuerbach about who the heir of German philosophy is, originated in fact with the same Heine, (At this time Heine thought Weitling and the "Gleichheit"). The only thing that makes me respect Engels is when in his terrible funeral speech where he (among other nonsense) compares Marx with Darwin (how awful), he said: "But above all Marx was a revolutionary."

The greatest sin of Engels was to promote Kautsky (Marx saw him only once and knew this Malthusian "little fool") and Lenin fell for it. But Lenin fell for Lassalle as generally for the Germans (inspired by Mehring's horrible History of the German SD). Still Mehring was a giant (in spite of the Hegelian Lukacs!) as the one-eyed among the blind; and Laura and Lafargue knew why they gave the Marx letters to Mehring and not to Kautsky. Not only Tussy but the other two daughters did not like Engels, "the General". Even though Tussy was the first who presented the son of Helzen Deutsch at the first Congress of the Second International to Clara Zetkin as her brother, I am not sure about the whole story of Marx as "father", fabricated by the old Engels and Kautsky's first wife. That Helen seduced the "weak" Marx I have no doubt, she was in "command" of the house, but she slept with others and especially liked some Hungarian emigrant.

I still do not believe that humanistic philosophy started with Hegel - Hegel himself said that it started with Spinoza -- without the Spinozists, Lessing and Herder, no Hegel! Though you are in company with Lenin, Marx said it clearly why not Hegel -- Now!

All my very best,

P.B.

\* Engels said: "once as great tragedy, and the second time as lousy farce" (p.381 of Vol. 37 of Marx-Engels-Werke) and gives all the names:

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June 18, 1979

Dear Peter,

I was most happy to get your letter which you dated May 4, which was received here June 7 when I was in Canada, and which I read on June 11. Unless you're as bad at dating letters as I am, I will have to believe the capitalistic post office mark of June 4. Do you suppose that the letter you promised me a year or so ago, a copy of your letter to Hanna Arendt as to her article on Rosa Luxemburg, will finally get to me some day? I really am very anxious, and though it will take me another year before I am finished with the Luxemburg book, I greatly appreciate your "inside" knowledge of the Movement.

At least the statement on Hegel, whether taken from Engels' letter or not, was cited by Marx as his own. I always did wonder, however, why Marx said, "somewhere." Do you happen to know where it was? In this case, "origin" is unimportant. What is important is what you say against Engels and I'm happy to find that we agree on something totally, since I too think that the one thing I can absolutely agree with Engels on is that Marx is "above all, a revolutionary."

You have enlightened me on one other matter. I thought that Marx had not wanted his speech on Weston published, and I never understood why because it is a very, very great work. All the editions by the Stalinists mention that Marx and Engels hadn't published it and since it was only found after Engels' death, the impression given is not any opposition to its publication.

I never said that humanistic philosophy began with Hegel; what I have been stressing since 1953 was that Marx's original expression for his philosophy as "a new Humanism" was by no means just something the young Marx said, but something that permeated all his work and was made contemporary by the East European revolts in the 1950s. In fact, it seems to me I remember reading to you parts of Marxism and Freedom when it was still in manuscript form, and taking your advice on many aspects of my interpretation, including those Humanist Essays which appear as Appendix!

One thing I'm most anxious to learn, especially now that you reveal that Marx's daughters likewise did not like Engels, is that the impression I get is that those letters critical of Engels which were written to his daughters had been destroyed by them. What is the truth on that? Did Mehring do it? I don't happen to be a great patriot for Mehring either, especially because he was a Lassallean himself -- and indeed -- and in this I do agree with you -- all, including Lenin, were Lassalleans on organization.

Do let me hear from you.

Yours,  
*John*

\* Had you get the Jan-Feb issue of N&L, which carried the chapter that contrasted Marx and Engels on "the woman question"? I would appreciate your views on that.

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