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Dear Comrades and Sisters,

That this book, "The Power of Women and the Subversion of the Community", is now in your hands gives us deep pleasure and satisfaction. Some of us in what is called the West have always looked forward to making direct communication with the working class and particularly women in what are called the Socialist countries of the East. We have suffered from the separation that the State power in Western and Socialist countries have joined together to institute and perpetuate. The Socialist governments have claimed that we are victims of our State and nothing more, and have hidden our subversive power. The Western governments have told us the same about you.

We have never believed them. Even without the information they have jointly hidden, we have always assumed that day by day a struggle goes on between the working class and the State power in the factory, in the office, in the school, in the community generally and in the home. 1956 in Hungary and many great struggles since confirm that this is always simmering below the surface.

Let the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ above book confirm that the same is true of us here. The semblance of democracy has not made the factory and the family any less totalitarian, though on the surface it may appear so, and our resistance has also been continuous.

In addition, we in the West know that the "equality" in labour from which you have suffered as women has given you an understanding of the essence of the situation of women everywhere which we are still to learn. Our best hope is that our sending you this Marxist Feminist book is stage one of an inevitable process. Stage two will be when you send us yours. Stage three may be further away but it is just as inevitable, when we meet to talk and act together.

Power to the sisters and therefore to the class.

Mariarosa, Selma and many others.