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Dear Sheila,

I hope your second name I wrote on the envelope is right because I had some difficulties to understand it. It would be better if you can typewrite.

I am replying to your letter very late but it is ~~xxx~~ always a problem to find time to ~~xxx~~ sit down and to write.

I hope you will excuse me.

About what you are asking me, a contact with some women that are interested to the perspective that Selma and me we exposed in Canada, I can give you some address, to whom you can write:

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In solidarity

Mariarosa Dalla Costa

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Sept 8, 1973

Mariarosa Dalla Costa,
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Dear Mariarosa,

Last Spring, while I was still living in Toronto, Canada, my friend, Judy Ramirez, told me about the assembly she was organizing at which you and Selma James would speak. Being quite impressed by what I heard, I read the booklet "The Power of Women and the Subversion of the Community". Your analysis of the women's situation and function in capitalist society started to make things very clear to me, that had previously been merely a vague sense of "something being wrong".

I have now moved to Germany and live in Bochum, a "university town" near Essen and Dusseldorf. One women's group here invited me to come to their meetings; I have been to 6 meetings so far, but have found that the group lacks a concept or groundwork from which it can work. Their basis seems to be emancipation - but from what and how they really don't know. I suggested that they read your book (which now is out in German) but that produced no response. (This is rather a simplified account of my experiences with this women's group)

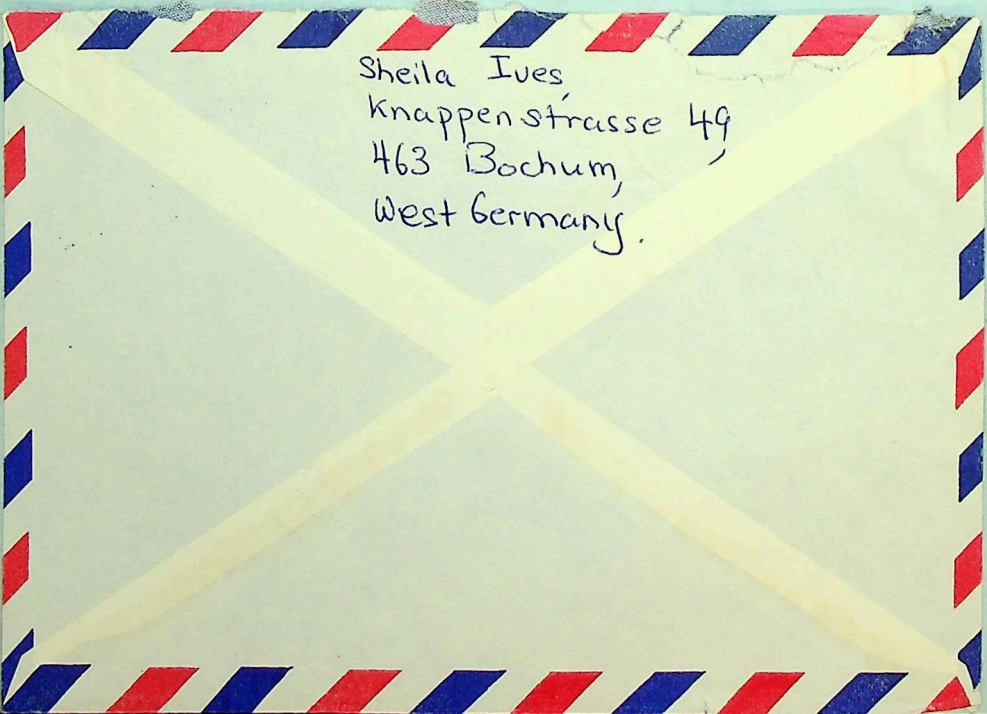
So I have decided to try to find another group of women or better people working with concepts similar to yours. Do you ~~you~~ know of any groups working in Germany? I'm especially interested to hear about groups anywhere which are composed of "intellectuals"; by that I mean, students

lawyers, teachers (I am a teacher), and what sort of activities such groups carry on. Perhaps you could also supply some information or direct me to some information which deals with practical aspects of womens groups in Italy, Germany or France.

I shall be writing to Selma James to try to get some information about what she is doing now in England.

I do hope you will be able to read this English letter without too much difficulty. Thank you very much for any help you can give me.

In solidarity,
Sheila Ives.



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