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Dear Signora Dalla Costa,

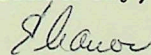
I am enclosing a note that I understand from Ruby Leavitt might be of use to you. I must apologize for not having sent it sooner. Now that summer school is over, I have turned to clearing away the pile of letters that gathered on my desk, and to my chagrin found that I had overlooked Ruby's note.

I hope by now you have received the small honorarium that was sent by the Dean of Social Sciences here at the College. It was sent some time ago, so if by any chance you did not receive it, do please let me know. It was not very much, I am afraid, by the time it was split two ways. It was certainly good of you and Selma James to come and speak, and I only regret that I had another conference at the time. I am also sorry I was not able to meet you at Ruby Leavitt's. However, I do expect to be able to have a chance to talk with you some day, if not here then in Europe.

I am at the moment working on a paper on the relation between the emergence of class society and women's lowered status, called "Class, Commodities, and the Status of Women," and I am drawing on your thinking in relation to the distinction between the patriarchal extended family of the classical world and the nuclear family of capitalist society. I am very much interested in knowing how you have progressed in your work on women as producers of surplus value in the context of the capitalist family structure. I would very much appreciate it if you would send me anything you have published on this subject, or, if it is costly, some reference as to where it can be purchased. My Italian is poor, but with the help of a dictionary I can read it, if slowly. I shall be glad to send you a copy of the paper on which I am now working, or of my introduction to Engels' Origin if you have not already seen it. I am enclosing a couple of reviews I wrote when I was a student about 25 years ago--it surprises me that it was that long ago.

Again, thanks, and apologies for the lateness.

Sincerely,



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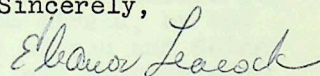
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Dear Signora Dalla Costa,

I am writing, somewhat belatedly, to thank you again for giving a lecture on "New Perspectives in Women's Studies" here at the City College on last May 11. I heard good things about your lecture from both students and faculty, and hope you will come back again whenever you might be in New York.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Leacock, Professor  
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