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Dear Sisters,

We strongly feel a necessity to meet with women who have been working on the perspective of wages for housework, in different parts of this country and Canada. We are anxious to get to know you, discuss common problems, join efforts. We propose therefore a weened meeting to be held in New York, Friday-Sunday, October 25-27. For those who have B Veterans' Day off, there will be a possibility for continued discussion on Monday or leisurely travel home.

This meeting will be internal (i.e. not a public meeting but a work meetig to strengthen each other on the perspective we share.)

It seems to us that the points below are some of the key issues we should touch upon:

- Evaluation and analysis of the women's movement and our position toward the main trends (especially the question of autonomy)
- Wages for housework as a general class strategy for women and its implications for the working class as a whole
- Present situation or capitalist initiatives concerning women: situation of women in the labour market
- * welfare
- * the family
- * new policies and proposals concerning the housewife such as pensions in the form of social security, etc.
- volunteer women's work in community based institutions such as mental health centres, day care centres, etc.
- Ongoing women's struggles and working class struggles in general
- Activities and work of the different groups, work to be shared, whwere do we go from here, POSSIBILITIES OF ACTION.

We would like you to tell us which point you wish to prepare as a presentation to the meeting or if you would like to take responsibility to lead a discussion on a topic corresponding to your needs at this moment. It would be good if some material could be prepared in advance in a written form to be distributed and discussed at the meeting. We would like to stress that it is not necessary to produce a masterpiece. We really would like material and we expect it to be a reflexion of our common concern and problems.

Please answer as soon as possible about your commitment to any topic on the list or any other area you wish to bring up. We are ready to xerox material to pass around at the meeting but let us know if you can xerox yourselves what you are preparing. WE ARE WAITING FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU.

We will need later to hear from you about the expected number of women coming, the need for housing during the weekend, your expected time of arrival in New York, etc. But before the details, please let us know about the preparation of this meeting. We expect to hear from you soon.

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It is possible that, as well as my going, there may be a woman from the Black Women's Group and another woman from the Collective, both of whom work for airlines and can get cheap fares.

Thanks for the lovely ad for the journal and RACE TODAY. There is one mistake. The journal subscription is 2500 lire for five issues.

Please give your biography on the back of POWER OF WOMEN some thought. It's really important that at least my biography state I'm a member of the Power of Women Collective and there is no room. I think I mentioned in an earlier letter that your biography should be cut somewhat. Maybe this is the time to change it so it comes less "academic" and formal.

The Mexico address no longer holds. The woman has come to London to live. The preparation for the book goes on. They received the contract. I'll soon get another Mexico address to send you. Love, in haste. Sel

It's all speeded up again by going this time is unworkable but why would be a mistake.

issue send row to Esther's address. Feminist news for the rest.

If you want any copy of the...

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Dear Rosa, I was to copy to you + didn't have time to call from me.