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Dear Sisters,

I must first apologise for not going to Germany in the spring. I learnt only at the last minute about the trip, or rather about the ~~exact~~ exact date of the trip, and we were at that moment at a crucial point in our political activity, since we were involved with the nurses' struggle. ~~As~~ I did promise at that time that I would come to Germany in the autumn and had hoped that we could have a small conference among those of us who share the perspective of wages for housework. It seemed a good time for a few women from Lotta Feminista, Power of Women and all the German ~~women~~ women who share the same perspective to meet together to discuss our problems and possibilities in applying this perspective in political practice. I discussed this with Mariarosa in Italy this summer and she seemed sympathetic, and then I discussed with a woman called Laurenza who is Italian from Florence but who studies in Germany. Laurenza said she would raise with her group the possibility of raising some funds to help the women from England to come, three, perhaps four. So far I have not heard from her.

Since that time I have met in London Manika Jaekel, ^{of Frankfurt} and we have talked some more. She feels the time is not right yet for a conference of that kind, and it would be more worthwhile for me to come alone ~~to~~ first of all to have a large meeting for all women in Frankfurt explaining our political position, in addition to that she feels I could use that occasion to meet with women in Munich and possibly also Berlin who are already coming together on the basis of the perspective we share. We worked out the following schedule.

17th October arrive Munich and meet with the wages for housework collective and also the Trikont Collective. This is important so that we clarify the questions connected with joint publication.

18th October (evening) arrive Frankfurt, have a large public meeting Saturday and a small meeting on Sunday with women who have already ~~to~~ begun to plan activity on the basis of wages for housework.

20th October (possibly) Berlin. We were neither of us certain what would be useful to the Berlin women, and it is for you to say. I would not be able to stay ~~long~~ on ~~at~~ later than the 21st.

Manika felt that they could raise the fare for me to fly to Munich, take the train to Frankfurt, train to Berlin and fly home from there. Since student flights are out because I am over the age, there is the possibility of charter flights, but perhaps you know more of this than I do. I have a student card and can get a reduced rate on the train, but I hope to bring literature and the change from train to boat to train is extremely difficult for me physically. Nevertheless, if this is the only way we can manage financially, then this is what I will have to do. But frankly, it would represent a genuine physical hardship. My collective cannot help, and in fact any help that it could give would rightfully belong to helping other women who have had little or no chance to travel. We have not one student in our group, but mothers and women who are wage workers, which means that their mode of travel must take into consideration the amount of time it takes so they can get back to work. ⁺ In any case this is out for us at the time being unless we can get help from outside.

There is the possibility that one woman from the Black Women's Group who

+ That they have no money.

works for an airline and a woman from our collective who works for an airline may be able to come for the weekend since they can get cheap fares, but this is still uncertain,

All of us await your reply. If we have misunderstood your needs, please tell us. We are all anxious that international communication within Europe and between North America and Europe be more regular and more direct. I am sure Rosa's visit was a very good beginning, and now we must continue.

With every good wish,

Power to the sisters,

Selma

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I see that I have no address in Frankfurt through my own carelessness and must depend on you to send a copy of this letter to Manika Jaekel there.

Also copy to Mariarosa

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*to thank Mary
Lynn for
money*