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Dear Mariarosa Dalla Costa,

Enclosed please find the May/June issue of Liberation. It contains an article by Carol Lopate entitled "Women and Pay for Housework." The article argues against wages for housework.

I have read and admired your pamphlet "The Power of Women and the Subversion of the Community." We would very much like to publish a rebuttal of the Lopate piece. We have read and rejected two versions of a piece written here in New York. We are still looking for a cogent rebuttal.

Would you be able to write such a rebuttal (or make available to us for translation a piece you've already written in Italian)? Can you suggest any English -language article that goes beyond your original piece and the Lopate article? Any ~~more~~ suggestions you might be able to make would be greatly appreciated. We consider this to be an extremely important issue, one that deserves further exploration.

Thank you in advance for any help you might lend us.

power to no one,

*Harvey Flock*

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for the Liberation Collective



Padova 10 settembre 1974

Dear Harvey Flock,

I received your letter of August 21. Silvia Federici with whom I am continually in contact just spent some time in Italy with me and Selma James that was here also. We had a discussion a propos of the article of Carol Lopate and we made a reply ~~xxxx~~ that is in my point of view excellent.

I think that at the present moment Silvia will have already sent to you this reply and consequently the problem you are posing in your letter, about my specific position on that is directly solved. I will be very glad also to receive as soon as possible the number of Liberation containing the publication of that reply.

The perspective of "wage for housework" is developing of course in many materials coming out of the feminist movement in Italy and in Great Britain as well (but as I know in the U.S. and in Canada also especially during the last two years). For the Italian materials there is a document that the feminist group of Padova with whom I am working is going to publish. As soon as it will be in the definitive form Silvia Federici will have it and will know also who is going to translate it. There are others documents also but not yet translated in English. May be also that in some months someone will be incharged of translating my article "Riproduzione e emigrazione" published in Italy in the book "L'operaio multinazionale", Feltrinelli, '74 and that is always in the same perspective. Silvia Federici will know also about that.

But being this perspective developed in accordance with our sisters of the Power of Women Collective in London, I think the best would be, for having in a quick time the materials you are interested in, to write directly to that Collective C/O Selma James, 20 Staverton Road, London, N.W.2. Not just by accident Selma is coauthor with me of "Power of women and the subversion of the community", and we wrote together also the first article of the book that is "Women and the subversion of the community".

Cordialmente *Mariarosa Dalla Costa*  
Mariarosa Dalla Costa