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Dear Miriam,

I hear you were at the planning meeting in Brussels. Glad you were well enough to go. And the British women report that you did much that made it possible for the Tribunal to continue.

We are hoping to send about 4 people to the Tribunal - one woman from Northern Ireland + 2 or 3 from the collective in London, including either Selma or myself. It is not certain yet that we can raise enough money or that so many people will be able to get away, but we would like to make as big an impact as possible. We will probably also want to represent the US and Canada (if that is what they want) with the help of the Canadian video + materials from the US.

The people who go may be able to speak on experiences in Belfast, as a housewife mother + typist (if Selma goes), as a factory worker + lesbian (if I go), as a young woman. We think it would probably be best to make these testimonies during a complete session on wages for Housework (Unpaid Housework), +



Then to speak from the floor in the discussions on all subjects. It is very important to have answers to these questions:

Do you think this is the best plan? Will we be able to lead our own workshop(s) also, in the afternoon? How much time in the morning has been given to wfh? Is it all on the 'economic' day? Is Anna testifying on the 'medical' day or have you been insisting that the crimes cannot be separated in that way? Who else is testifying from Italy? What kind of speech will they make? What materials are you bringing? Will they be translated? How much time will you all be using in the morning? Can we expand the time allotted to the crime of 'unwaged housework' since there will now also be the testimonies from Britain?

If we can send a lesbian woman it will be one of us (only) - myself or possibly Anne Neale. Could we, as well as testifying in the economic session, get time to testify under 'lesbianism'?

Have the schedules already been decided? Is there someone on the committee responsible for that job?



If so, what is her name + address, and is she sympathetic to wages for Housework? Should we contact her?

What kind of event do you think the tribunal will be? Do you still think, as when I saw you, that it will attract great attention and a lot of press, radio + TV? How many people do you think will go to it? Who? What will be the tone of the tribunal?

Do you know anyone we - or some of us - can stay with in Brussels?

One of the women organising the British contingent is very opposed to our taking part, or having any time in the schedule, or money for travel fares. Her name is Marguerite Russel and she has some power because she is on the international planning committee of the Tribunal. Most of the other women here who have been working on the tribunal are quite sympathetic to us.

The campaign is going very well here; we have 1/2 an hour on TV Feb 7th. I hope you're better + things are going well for you. We will be hoping to hear from you very quickly to know the answers to these questions + any new information, + begin to make plans. I'll be hoping to see you.

Love + power,  
Ruth