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Giessen (Hessen), Am Kugel-  
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Dear Mr. Commons:

Pardon please that I did not write you earlier. I waited until my situation in Germany was clarified.

As I left Wisconsin, I told you that I intended to do two things during the following years: to continue my studies and to work for some time practically in the High Civil Service in labour questions. I discussed my plans with the professors Herkner, Bernhard and Schumacher; they recommended me to take a second doctordegree in economics. I am doctor of law.

The question arose: Should I do it immediately or should I first work in the Civil Service. I decided to choose the first of the two possibilities. I believe it necessary that I get all formal things ( ~~XX~~ like doctor-examinations ) so quickly as possible behind me. Besides, I can use the first part of my book as doctorthesis. ~~My final examination~~ I intend to take my final examination during the second half of the present year. After it I shall work practically and later I shall teach at some university, most probably in Berlin.

I have chosen Giessen as place of my studying, because I can work here undisturbed and because the brother of a friend of mine with the name Lenz, a son of the well known historian, is here full-professor of economics.

Giessen was founded at the time of the reformation as university of the Lutherans <sup>in Giessen</sup> to Marburg which was catho-

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lie. It has around 1500 students. The full-professors of political economy are Mombert, a pupil of Brentano, and Lenz, a pupil of Schmoller and Wagner. Mombert belongs to the classical school. He has done quite important work in the field of the theory of population. Lenz is one of the young representants of the historical school. He has worked about List and is one of the editors of the new great edition of the works of List which should also be bought by the library of the University of Wisconsin. He is also one of the founders of the List-Gesellschaft which has become one of the most important associations of German economists. Now he is working mainly about the economic consequences of the treaty of Versailles and about Communism. He has not succeeded - and could not succeed - in uniting his old Prussian ideals with modern Russia and is consequently unclear.

Besides I am studying philosophy under Professor von Aster, the editor of the "Geschichte der Philosophie in Einzeldarstellungen". He is a follower of Kant and politically a socialist. Finally I am interested in literature. The very young, but very gifted Professor Vietor is here my guide. He is belonging to the Gundolf Kreis, a small group of philosophically interested people by which also Erich Voegelin is influenced quite much.

I am occupying myself mainly with economic theory in order to deepen my knowledge of it. At the present I am concentrating on the physiocrats. Do you know the very excellent edition of the works of Quesnay by Onken? In philosophy I am studying the ancient one, in literature the

social novel of the 19th century.

Three publishers - De Gruyter, Diederichs and das Bibliographische Institut - are interested in my book. I have not closed a contract, because I will wait with the publication until fall. There is still much to improve. My present studying will help me quite much, because it is widening my point of view. Besides I intend to use the first part which I am calling the Premarxian Labour - movement in United States' as doctorthesis, as I mentioned before. This part I shall finish most probably in April. I shall send it to you.

The editor of the Gewerkschaftsarchiv has asked me to write a series of articles about the situation of trade-unions in United States. I shall do it most probably. Some time ago he reprinted my article about the legal situation without my permission. He put "Professor ~~of~~ <sup>an</sup> der Universität Wisconsin" under my name. I was quite astonished about this new dignity. It was his translation of "Honorary fellow of the University of Wisconsin". My article has also been reprinted by a paper of ~~the~~ the employers. In this manner it was published by a university-publication, by a monthly of the employers and by a monthly of the employers. Only the employers paid. I got from them 50 Marks. There you can see, where a young economist has to go in order to get money.

My time in Wisconsin was one of the most beautiful in my life. You were there and I found Mildred there. I am thinking much on it, and also on the Friday-nighters. My best greetings to all of them. In June I shall be reunited with

Mildred.

With all good wishes, my best greetings and many thank  
for you kindness

truly yours

*Arvid Karmark*