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February 6, 1973

Professor Hans Staudinger
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Dear Dr. Staudinger:

I am currently in the process of preparing a doctoral dissertation on Karl Mannheim's attempts to establish a Sociology of Culture. In this regard I have recently come across G. Lukacs review of your "Individuum und Gemeinschaft in der Kultur-organization des Vereins: Schriftenzur Soziologie der Kultur," which appeared in the Archiv fur Sozialwissenschaft und Sozialpolitik, Bd. 39 (1914-1915) along with a reply by Alfred Weber.

Since I have not been able to locate a copy of your volume, I am anxious to learn from you something about the intellectual issues, currents and scholars who provided the stimuli and climate for your work and for A. Weber's work in this area. While I recognize that I may be asking some involved and time-consuming questions, even the faintest of recollections may help to guide my further research. It would also be helpful if you could tell me something about the nature and extent of your stay in Heidelberg as well as with Alfred Weber.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to my dilemmas.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Cooper,

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After my return to New York I found in my mail pile your good letter of February 6. I am very thankful to you that you found the review of George Lukacs of my book in the Archiv für Sozialwissenschaft und Sozialpolitik with my answer by my teacher Alfred Weber. If I get time enough I shall read again review and reply. Thanks for your study, but all this has in my opinion little connection with your particular work, namely the doctoral dissertation on Karl Mannheim, with the intend to reestablish a Sociology of Culture. I knew Karl Mannheim and in my sociological thinking I was influenced by his work in Germany and in London. In this respect you would do well if you could communicate with one of the closest friends of Karl Mannheim, Prof. Dr. Adolf Lowe, 1125 Grand Concourse, Apt. 319, N.Y., N.Y. 10452. Lowe and I work in the graduate faculty of the News School for many years together. We were closest friends since 1919 and so I know about the relation of Lowe and Mannheim. Lowe was instrumental with regard to the translation and publication of Mannheim's book. He has presently very little time since he is working on large theoretical studies concerning economical investment. Thus he will only respond to you and be of great help if you after you have read the work of Karl Mannheim post to him specific questions which you cannot answer by yourself and which are essential to the thesis.

I personally was interested in my student time in the type of the Socialist Man (according to Max Weber's typology). You find therefore in my book "Individuum und Gemeinschaft" that my main interest was in the question of the Arbeiterwelt and the future type of

worker, which type of man is needed for the Socialist Movement. These were the problems of our time. I add here a xerox copy of a letter to my friend Robert Heilbroner which contains our thinking at this time in Heidelberg sociological terminology. Please send this copy back to me since I have no other available.

You are engaged in a great and important enterprise. I am sorry that I have to refer you for your dilemmas about Mannheim to my friend A. Lowe. If I can be otherwise of help let me know.

All best wishes

Sincerely,

Hans Staudinger

(dictated but not corrected)

28th March, 1973

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Biography

Dear Mr. Cooper,

I could not reply to your letter of 26th February earlier since I was not here, and my answer today can only be very short as I am on my way to Washington.

To your question No. 1: I believe I met Karl Mannheim in Emil Lederer's house in Heidelberg. My relation to Karl Mannheim came through Lederer who was, as you have seen it, the editor of the Archiv für Sozialwissenschaften and a friend of Karl Mannheim. I was very often in contact with Mannheim in Frankfurt and in London. Dr. Adolph Löwe was certainly much closer to him than I and met him very often in Frankfurt and in London, since Adolph Löwe was in England up to 1938. I lived in Mannheim's home when I was in England on my way to America. Mannheim influenced very strongly the German refugee scholars whether they were sociologists or economists. As an example, I mention Hans Neisser's "On the Sociology of Knowledge, an essay", published by James H. Heinemann, Inc., New York, 1965. Here you find very clearly the influence of Mannheim upon the economists and historians. Neisser was both. In case you should not get this book in your library, write to the publisher or me, I will then send it to you. I repeat: I think you should read this book in order to see the influence as well as the critical attitude which we had towards Mannheim.

Yours sincerely,

(Hans Staudinger)

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February 26, 1973

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Dear Dr. Staudinger;

Thank you for your prompt reply (Feb.14) to my inquiries concerning the situation surrounding G.Lukacs' review of your book. Please find enclosed the copy of your letter to Dr.Heilbroner -it has been most informative.

In addition, I wish to thank you for your reference and advice concerning contact with Dr. Löwe. In regard to Dr. Löwe, who has indicated to me that he first met Karl Mannheim in Heidelberg in 1926, I would like to ask you the following two questions:

- 1) Did you know of or meet Karl Mannheim prior to this time(1926) in Heidelberg or elsewhere?
- 2) Did you have direct contact with Mannheim in Frankfurt or London, or was the influence you spoke of in your earlier letter only via Dr.Löwe?

Thank you again for your time and kind assistance.

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