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Dear Sylvia,

Last night Paul Sweezy made what seems to me a generous offer that he would finish out the Minority's unexpired subscriptions with copies of the Monthly Review.

I am asking your advice about this, and also hope you know where Menachem is now, and perhaps you would want to suggest this to him, along with me, if you think it is a good idea.

The situation is complicated because as you know Menachem & Paul were in debate over Israel, and Menchem then attacked Paul personally, on grounds of honesty, etc, and then I defended Paul, an extremely decent man, solid, & honorable and really sweet--and then Menchem blasted me,... None of this is of much importance except that Menachem might think Paul was somehow exploiting him or the Minority in this offer, which is not the true case, I think...If you have Menachem's address I will write to

him directly anyhow--but before doing this I did want your reaction--and if I do write him--he may never speak to him again--but yet it might pay off the unfinished subscriptions which imply some kind of moral--financial debt?

If you agree at all with this suggestion, and give me the address, I will take a chance on writing to Menachem: I guess I need your opinion first before doing this?

I must add that Paul was decently sorrow about the whole thing, and aware of the ~~id~~ difficulty of keeping all leftist mags going...Despite Menachem, he is not at all a revengeful or oblique person, as you may know yourself.

I am waiting for your answer to my last note also about Joechim Josten & the Warren report....I send you again best greetings & affection for the New Year.

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