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Dear Bettina:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th.

No, if you recall the construction of the article I didn't say I had personally seen or heard the Lenin quote of 1923.

But I did depend on a publication of the Un-American Activities Committee and an American Bar Association report which cites the quotation as being on p. 172 of Vol. X of the Collected Works of Lenin.

I have just checked with Alfred Kohlberg this morning and he says the citation is apparently in error. For a long time there were but nine volumes of the English translation of Lenin's Works, and only recently has the 10th volume been available. He has the quotation traced through four different editions of the Works in the Library of Congress since then, all without avail. But that was after he had sent out himself 15,000 pieces of literature carrying the quote and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek using it in a speech at West Point.

Naturally I am disappointed to find this out now, for I had abundant opportunity to track it down in Moscow but did not do so in view of the excellent sources and the specificity of the citation.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S.: Al F. says even our Central Intelligence Agency has fallen for I used the quote - but maybe this isn't saying much -