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Miss Betty A. McMullen, Ass't. Librarian
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Dear Miss McMullen:

In reply to your letter addressed to Miss Lesnick of this Division, let me say that we have been unable to locate the Lenin quotation which you mention. He certainly could not have made this statement in 1924, as he lost the power of speech on March 9th, 1923 and thereafter remained inactive until his death on January 21, 1924.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Miss McMullen:

Though the statement you attribute to Lenin seems to "ring a bell," I unfortunately cannot place it. The year 1924, which you mention, seems rather late, for it was the year of his death. Also, the new 4th edition has not yet made available in this country the final volumes covering this period.

I'm sorry that I cannot immediately spot it, and it would take considerable searching for one who does not recall the item -- if he ever did say it -- for there are about 35 volumes in this last edition.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest J. Simmons

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