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Dear Mr. Owen,

Prof. S. M. told me that I  
might obtain a research fellowship  
at the St. A's. I take it that he has  
already mentioned my name to you.

I do not know whether such an appoint-  
ment is possible for this year. If so,

I should prefer to be considered from  
next term onwards for a period of one year  
for research in your Institute. I could perhaps also  
give a few lectures on various intellec-  
tual aspects of the history of T. Rep.

Please find enclosed a CV (with  
a photograph of mine) and a draft  
project of what I think I could do  
there by way of research.

Yours truly,

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# CV

I was born in 1936 at Istanbul as the son of a middle-class family (my father was first a naval officer and then a self-made <sup>modest</sup> business man). I graduated in 1954 from an <sup>official</sup> high-school at Beyoğlu, Ist. and in 1958 from the Fac. of PS of Ank. Univ. Then, I was appointed Assistant in the chair of Pol. Theory there. In 1961 I obtained my PhD with a thesis which I called "A Study on the Concept of Free-  
dom." Granted a Rockefeller Fellowship, I spent two years (1961-63) at the LSEPS as a research student "without proceeding to a degree." (My supervisor was Prof. Smellie, but <sup>also</sup> I quite enjoyed listening <sup>made sense</sup> to Oakeshott, Popper, Bellner and Schapiro.) I <sup>made sense</sup> ~~lies~~ <sup>about</sup> the hist. of Brit. Socialism. In 1966, I submitted a Dissertation on "Leftist Movements, 1908-25" for promotion to Associate-Professorship.

I was conscripted to the Army in 1967 for two years, in the latter of which I served at the Mil. Hist. Department. Thereafter, I lectured on the hist. of West. P. thought (classical and mod.).

In 1969 I went back to my faculty.

~~in~~ In summer 1971 I was arrested for six weeks on a charge of disseminating subversive propaganda by translating a part of Th. Bottomore's "Soc. Writings of K M," but I was

July acquitted ~~after some real arguments~~ of course <sup>(this incident was a minor part of the general "sledge-hammer operation")</sup>. In May 1972

I resigned from my faculty post ~~that~~ because of private reasons. I came back to Gt. and for a year acted as research advisor to the Confederate of Progressist Trade Unions (DISK).

Presently, I am <sup>into</sup> a ~~booky~~ general history book <sup>(Mod. Cr. by Cr. Brantau et al.)</sup>, (a) translating <sup>which is about to be completed</sup> (b) ~~following~~

~~up~~ making research with a view to publishing <sup>in the future</sup> a second volume of ~~my~~ history of the T. Left, and

(c) acting as history consultant to an ambitious project of <sup>composing</sup> ~~writing~~ an encyclopedia of the T.R. — where I shall ~~prepare~~ <sup>write</sup> ~~some~~ ~~of the~~ ~~texts~~ for a few items myself. <sup>— which cannot be finished here in T, due to lack of</sup>

unavailability of pestilent archive and library materials.

My publications ~~so far~~ ~~(all in Turkish)~~ include  
Research works <sup>2nd ed.</sup>

TSA (Auk.: Bilgi Yayınevi, 1967)

# Mesai (Auk.: SBT Yay. 1972)

Translations

Pol. Man, by Lapset; <sup>S.M.</sup> 65

Open Soc. & Its Enemies, Vol I: Plato

by K R Popper; 67

Mod. Hist. & Social Phil.s by PA Sorokin; 72

Autologies

# ~~A three volume book of readings~~  
~~which I edited and partly translated~~  
covering major ~~phil.~~ <sup>philosophers</sup>  
from Antiquity to our <sup>Contemporaries:</sup>  
1969

two vol.  
Another autology which I edited  
on "Socialist political thinking"  
was stopped in press at "Bilgi" Publishing  
<sup>(Auk.)</sup> ~~house~~ with the ~~closing~~ of the  
recent military intervention.

A revised ed. of this book is  
now about to be published by "Suman" (Ist.)

# Research Project

- 1) My previous study on the history of the T. left stops at the 1925 Law of Maintenance of Order (Takrir-i Sikiu). I intend in a second volume to cover developments up to the end of the year 1945.
- 2) The <sup>major</sup> difficulty in dealing with the T. left during these 20 years ~~comes about~~ <sup>emanates</sup> from the fact that all such activities were illegally carried on. Obviously, the left was confined to a small circle, but what actually happened ~~in that case~~ there, is by no means devoid of ~~some~~ intellectual interest.

3) I have been now for some years working on the period 1925-1945. But <sup>so far</sup> I was unable to get hold of the illegal literature ~~pub-~~ <sup>ished</sup> by the underground TCP ~~then~~. Also, the sheer inadequacy of libraries <sup>and archives</sup> in T hampers ~~my studies~~ <sup>me to a</sup> considerably <sup>and archly</sup> extend.

(Attempts to "permeate" the Rep. P's P; left-wing opp. to the TCP; struggles against <sup>with</sup> local fascists, etc.) are quite original. In Eng, I ~~will~~ <sup>hope</sup> utilize ~~for~~ <sup>well as</sup> ~~copy~~ <sup>facilities and also</sup> ~~material~~ <sup>try to obtain</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>by correspondence</sup> ~~elsewhere.~~

4) Particularly, I feel that I must examine my topic under the light of int. dev.s during the interwar years and the 2nd WW. The changes in the Comintern policy & T's foreign relations (esp. with the SU) seems to be of crucial importance. I should also like to compare effects on European Soc. & Com. # <sup>group</sup> of certain significant events such as T's elimination from the Sov. leadership, Pop. Front tactics, CP purges, the N2 - Sov. Pact etc.

5) Admittedly, what I am trying to achieve is a composition of a piece of what may be termed "micro-hist." But I also expect to be <sup>able</sup> to contribute thereby to the gen. hist. of our recent years.