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Sayin Mete Bey,

I am sorry to have taken so long to answer your letter of 23 Nisan. But at least I now am in much better position to answer your questions, having spent several weeks at Stanford University working in the Hoover Library -- the richest collection of Turkish material in the US.

In your letter you mentioned that you were looking for illegal literature of the yeralti TKP. Hoover Library has an almost complete collection of Aydinlik (no. 1-27, 29, 31; and "fevkalade amele musheleri" no. 5, 6, and 8). I made Zerox copies of some of the issues, including "Fevkalade Amele musheleri" no. 5 of 17 Teşrinisani 1924. Hoover Library also has a copy of Kurtulus, no. 5 of 19 February 1920 from which I made a Zerox copy. Finally, it has a copy of Yeni Hayat, no. 6 of 22 April 1922, which I also had copied. Perhaps all these are accessible to you in Turkey. If not, I would be glad to see if I can get my copies reproduced or you can try to arrange reproduction directly from Hoover Library in Stanford, California.

Hoover Library also has a copy of a Soviet publication printed in Moscow in 1923 titled "28-29 kanunisanı 1921 Karadeniz kıyalarında parçalanın Mustafa Subhi yoldaşlarının ikinci yıl donumleri" which contains about 22 pages of articles about Subhi and Communist activity by Nazim Hikmet, Şerif Manaf, Zinetullah Nevsirvan, Ahmet Cevad and others. This is followed by about 45 pages reprinting various articles written by Subhi over the years. The final section contains 6 pages of articles by or about Ethem Nejat. If you have not seen this work, I'm sure you would find it most interesting. I do not know whether Hoover Library will permit reproduction of it or not; the microfilm carries a prohibition against reproduction. If you can not get to use it in any other way, I would be glad to give you a brief summary of the contents of my notes etc.

Hoover also has such items as Resimli ay and Yurt ve Dünya, a copy of Gorusler etc., but I am sure that these are available in Ankara. Tarik Tunaya spent a year or two at Hoover Library and he undoubtedly knows the contents of its collection far better than I who spent but a few weeks. As far as I am aware, these are the main items of interest to you at the Hoover Library.

I am particularly interested now in finding copies of Emek and further issues of Yeni Hayat, as well as Orak Çekiç and Bolşevik. If you know where I can get microfilm copies of these, I would be delighted to pay the expenses involved. Also, of course, if you have had any success in getting copies of Yeni Dünya from Baku or in locating the zabıtlar of the Istiklal Mahkemeleri on the Communist trials (I have the Yakin Tarihimiz series on Yeşil Ordu).

You were very kind to send me the microfilm of Yeni Dünya from Eskişehir. I hope that you were not too disappointed in my paper that I sent you. As I explained, it was written before I could use Turkish sources, and represented almost completely Russian sources. In rereading it, I note a good many mistakes of fact.

In any event I would like to hear how your work is going.

Sincerely,

George Harris