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Dr. Mete Tuncay Milli Kütüphane Ankara Turkey

Dear Dr. Tuncay,

Professor Mardin gave your name to our Institute, answering our request for an expert on the Turkish left. He told us that probably you might have to refuse our invitation. Nonetheless we would like to invite you to produce a paper of 5000 to 6000 words in English on the Communist party (or parties) of Turkey. The fee is 750DM.

This paper is requested within the framework of a research project on Southern European Communist parties, financially supported by the Volkswagen Stiftung and directed by Dr. Heinz Timmermann (Bundesinstitut für ostwissenschaftliche und internationale Studien, Cologne), being conducted by our Institute in Rome. Papers on the French Communist party, the Portuguese Communist party, the Spanish Communist party, the Italian Communist party and the Greek Communist party will be produced respectively by: Ronald Tiersky, Arnold Hottinger, Guy Hermet, Wolfgang Berner and Heinz Richter. As for Yugoslavia and Cyprus - and of course Turkey - we are still undecided. You will find here enclosed three working papers which explain the purposes and other details of the research project.

We earnestly hope that you will accept our proposal and are prepared to adopt any caution you might request (pseudonym, etc.).

Looking forward to hearing from you as soon as pos-

sible,

Yours sincerely.

Cesare Merlini

Encl.: