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Dear Mr. Merlini,

I received your letter of the 9th ins. only ~~on the 24th. Nov.~~ ^{two days ago}

I cannot accept your offer to me to write a paper on the Turkish Communist Party, for three reasons.

1. Though I made some studies on the history of the Turkish Left, I am by no means an expert on its present situation.

2. As you must know, Communism is illegal in Turkey; therefore, I would ~~not~~ ^{want} ~~like~~ by trying my hand on a detailed analysis of this subject, to act as an informant, ~~to an~~ ^{international} ~~capitalist~~ ~~financed~~ ~~research~~ ~~project.~~ ^{almost}

3. The required essay about the Turkish Party, seems impossible to ~~me~~ ^{write} anyhow, on ~~the~~ ^{lines} ~~basis~~ defined in your questionnaire:

There are in Turkey at least four legal and four illegal Marxist organizations, apart from the "T.K.P." which operates largely abroad. (Legal ones: T.I.P. - Turkish Workers' Party; T.S.P. - T.Socialist R.; T.S.I.P. - T.Socialist Workers' P.; T.E.P. - T.Toilers' P. // Illegal ones: T.K.P.M.L. - T.Communist P. Marxist Leninist; T.I.I.K.P. - T.Revolutionary Workers'-Peasants' P.; T.H.K.O. - T.People's Liberation Army; T.H.E.C. - T.People's Liberation Front.)

In addition to these 9 organizations, various ~~independent~~ circles around certain publication concerns, some students' and professional associations and trade unions ought also ^{be} evaluated. They can all roughly be divided into pro-Sovietic and pro-Chinese groups; but lately some ~~an~~ independent critical spirit can be observed to develop in a few of them. indications of an

The Turkish Marxist Left being thus scattered into small factions, has no likelihood to come to political power in the foreseeable future. However, the movement is quite strong among student circles and has ~~some~~ ^a marginal hold in ^{the} working class. ~~But~~ full democracy and a large measure of unification of these groups have to be achieved, before one can expect a ^{serious} development in an undogmatic vein.

This is about all I can say to you for the time being. However, if you send me ^{regularly} ~~any~~ mimeographed or printed reports about the progress of your research, I can perhaps contribute ^{some} comments on a comparable basis.

Yours,

Though most of these organizations do not ~~by any means~~ see eye to eye,