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Dear Maria,

This is a letter about one of the several things you and I are supposed to be doing something about together -- namely, the plan for the study of woman. Do you think we can get on with it? You remember we had the idea of putting out a documentation bulletin on the subject to get people started, and then ~~to trying~~ to get a few groups to work more intensively on certain aspects of the question.

I am thinking now about this documentation bulletin, and trying to plan how it can come into being. Besides an introductory letter, I suppose there ought to be some sort of overall plan for the study of woman. What I see would be <sup>(short)</sup> basic bibliography for a survey of the field; then divisions into theology, psychology, sociology, art and literary criticism (including films), history (here also studies on current situation of woman, e.g. in USSR, Middle East, Asia, etc.), and special problems in which we are interested: <sup>single women, teen-agers, etc.</sup>

I am not sure how much we can do of all this -- but I am sure we should try to do enough to get people started on a good basis. Then they can certainly start contributing themselves through evaluations of the books they read, completing bibliographies in the languages in which they are working, etc. This documentation bulletin would not yet be ~~a~~ one for general distribution, but only more of a study guide -- don't you think?

Certainly I have to get my own head more into it -- and I can start by looking through what material we have already in our <sup>own</sup> documentation. There are some tapes by Daniélou, Kaelin, and others, I see; and there are quite a few items on file. It will take me more time to go through that than I have at this moment. But after getting the syllabus one step further (as I hope to do next week), I could do some more extensive work on this woman bulletin. If in the meantime you can send me your suggestions for it, and your recommendations for bibliography, that would be a great help. I know quite well you are doing many other things and have many other cares; but I write now so you can fit it in whenever it is possible. At least I don't have to convince you that it is important! This is only to say I'm ready to pick up and go ahead with whatever you can offer.

Much love to everyone -- Manuela, Emilia, Helena, Isabelle, Gon,  
*and all the other beautiful people. And to you! With prayers  
for all - Eleana*