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Professor Karl R. Popper
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Dear Professor Popper:

In Venice I became acquainted with Professor Melvil of the University of Moscow, who seemed to me the most open-minded of the members of the Soviet delegation. We ha^v engaged in a long discussion on formal truth and other problems and, in the course of our correspondence, I mentioned your work, recommending him to read The Logic of Sci. Discovery. He replied that he did not like your Open Society, which he apparently knew, but that he was interested in getting a copy of the Logik. I suggested him to address himself to the publishers, since he may wish to review the book. Moreover, there is a slight chance that he may favor the translation of the work; at least, I know that he is interested in Western philosophy and that he is influential in this respect. This is why I took the liberty of making a defence of your work in terms that may appeal to him, and is also why I am now taking the liberty of suggesting you to send him a copy of the Logik, or of asking the publishers to comply to Prof. Melvil's request if he makes it. I think one should do every possible effort to establish a dialogue with those willing to discuss in scholarly terms, and I am sure you partake this conviction. Prof. George Melvil's address is, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Moscow, 11 Mokhovaia, Moscow.

Sincerely yours,

Mario Bunge

