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Eleanor Marx Vol III: The Crowded Years (1884-1898)

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Oct. 19, 1890 from Engels to Laura Marx

"sorted out about four cubic feet of old letters of Mohr's... of the period 1836-64. All heggledy-piggledy, in a basket which perhaps you may remember. Dusting, straightening, sorting--it took me more than a week to put them in rough order. During all that time my room was upset... so that I could neither go out nor do any other kind of work. Then... loss of time for me by callers, etc."

"Thus time and again, while training his heirs-apparent, and engrossed in Volume III of Capital, he complained of interruptions. Yet he himself initiated the most far-reaching of them all early in 1891. The truth was that, however pressing his formidable task, there seemed little point in laboring intensively to make Marx's theories known in days ahead [if] here and now, the movement was being led astray by grave theoretical errors for lack of such knowledge actually available."

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