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Dear Emma Goldman

Many thanks for your
most interesting letter which
reached me here after
some delay. As far as the
general situation goes, I agree
with you more than might
have appeared to you.
Neither I nor any ^{one} ~~one~~ of the

Commission was concerned
to "vindicate" Trotsky
from anything but the
special charges on
which he was condemned
in the two Moscow trials
One of the members, however

3 conditions than the Stalinists
are, & would have been
so bent on the merely
personal side of power
& personal vengeance
but I don't know as I would
have gone further than
that.

The truth about the C.P.
policy in Spain is gradually
leaking out here, but of
course not adequately.
I see or know C.P. people
who went over & some
who had been sympathizers

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If an old Revolutionary engaged
in public controversy with
him about the Cronstadt
and other incident ever
while he was master-
gating, and several members
think he made his
great mistake when
he stopped criticizing
Lenin's centralization
policy & went over to
Lenin's position. That
Trotsky in places would
probably have been
more truthful about
actual economic

Came back disgusted,
but of course they don't
get much chance at
publicity.

Just at present there
is a more general reaction
among "liberals" against
Bolshevik methods,
with ideas that the end
justifies the means,
than ever before in this
country. The C.P. are trying
to shield their position
by claiming all they
want is union with
democratic - anti fascist

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5 elements, but this becoming
clearer all the time that
what they really want
is simply military
union to protect the
U. S. R. & that their
democratic pretensions
are only a pose. There is
also a strong reaction
against them because of their
~~rule or ruin methods~~
in the labor movement.

I thank you for the
papers you sent me,
as well as for your

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valuable information. My
good friend Cels Proenca
has kept me somewhat
in touch with the real
conditions in Spain -
We can only hope
the Spanish people -
and the Church - will
come through this
awful tragedy -

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With warm personal regards
Sincerely yours
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