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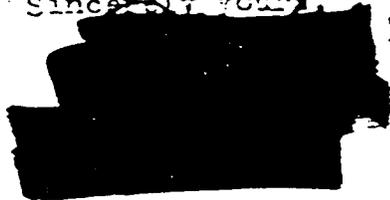
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Dear Mr. Marron:

I should be grateful for any information you can let me have on Gerhart Eisler, who also uses the pseudonym of Hans Berger. Eisler, a German composer and musician, is believed to have arrived in this country from Mexico, where he was connected with the ~~Freies Deutschland~~ group. He is reported to have been an adviser to the Communist Party in the United States from 1933 to 1935, and has been described as a key man in the Comintern. He has been writing articles for the Daily Worker under the name of Hans Berger, and is believed to be living in Hollywood, California, where he has close relations with Soviet officials. Eisler is a brother of Ruth Fischer, but there is bitter animosity between them because of her outspoken anti-Stalinist stand.

Best thanks..

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