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Note on the French Texts

The translation of 'Philosophy and Marxism' is based on the posthumously issued French edition ('Philosophie et marxisme', *Sur la philosophie*, Paris, 1993, pp. 29–79), an abridged version of the original French text, which first saw the light, unabridged, in Spanish translation (*Filosofía y marxismo: Entrevista a Louis Althusser por Fernanda Navarro*, Mexico City, 1988). The accompanying selections from Althusser's correspondence with Navarro first appeared in *Sur la philosophie*, pp. 81–137. The other translations are based on *Écrits philosophiques et politiques*, ed. François Matheron, vol. 1, Paris, 1994, pp. 341–582. For information on the origins and editorial history of the texts in this volume, see Matheron's and Olivier Corpet's presentations of them.

Illegible words, grammatically or syntactically extraneous words and phrases, and, in Althusser's correspondence with Navarro, certain passages mentioning third parties have been replaced with asterisks [***]. The footnotes are Althusser's, except for the explanatory material placed in square brackets. Endnotes added by the translator are followed by the abbreviation 'Trans.' in square brackets; all other endnotes are by François Matheron. The translator has silently corrected minor errors of transcription after comparing Matheron's editions of 'Marx in his Limits' and 'The Underground Current of the Materialism of the Encounter' with the manuscripts.

List of Abbreviations

Works by Althusser

Collections and Longer Texts

EI = *Essays in Ideology*, trans. Ben Brewster and Grahame Lock, London, 1984.

ESC = *Elements of Self-Criticism*, trans. Grahame Lock, London, 1976.

FM = *For Marx*, trans. Ben Brewster, London, 1996.

LC = *Livre sur le communisme*, A19-01 to A19-04.

LF = *Lettres à Franca*, Paris, 1998.

LI = *Livre sur l'impérialisme*, A21-01 to A21-03.

MRM = *Montesquieu, Rousseau, Marx: Politics and History*, trans. Ben Brewster, London, 1972.

MU = *Machiavelli and Us*, trans. Gregory Elliott, London, 1999.

POE = *Philosophy of the Encounter*.

PSPS = *Philosophy and the Spontaneous Philosophy of the Scientists and Other Essays*, ed. Gregory Elliott, trans. Ben Brewster *et al.*, London, 1990.