Preface to the Paperback Edition

The appearance of a paperback edition of this book affords the editors the opportunity of adding the following information which they have received from Professor George L. Kline. This communication, based on a letter from Alexandre Kojeve to Professor Kline, dated March 30, 1967, refers primarily to pages 119-20 of the text.

Concerning the works which stimulated his interest in Hegel and specifically in the Phenomenology of Mind, Kojeve reports that he did read the 1918 Russian edition of Ilyin's book on Hegel but did not get very much out of it, being "very young" at the time. He further states that he did not read Nicolai Hartmann's Die Philosophie des deutschen Idealismus, but did read and was "greatly impressed by" Richard Kroner's Von Kant bis Hegel; that he did not read the special Hegel issue of the Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale (1931) or Jean Wahl's Le Malheur de la conscience dans la philosophie de Hegel, but that he did have frequent conversations with Wahl. Finally, Kojeve reports that neither Sartre nor Hyppolite attended any of his lectures but that Merleau-Ponty attended regularly.

We wish once again to extend our warmest thanks to each of those who contributed an essay to this volume. It will be gratifying to them, as it is to us, that this paperback edition of the book will make it accessible to a wider student audience.

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