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Endorsement of Walter Kaufmann, *Hegel: Reinterpretation, Texts and Commentary*, on the jacket of the UK edition (London, 1966: Weidenfeld and Nicolson) and the cover of the US paperback edition, *Hegel: A Reinterpretation* (New York, 1966: Anchor Books); repr. on Walter Kaufmann, *Discovering the Mind* (New York, 1980: McGraw-Hill), vol. 1, Goethe, Kant and Hegel

Walter Kaufmann is among the very few living philosophers who seem to me to understand both Hegel's thought and the world in which he lived and for which he wrote. Professor Kaufmann is a man of exceptionally wide and scrupulous learning, vivid historical imagination, critical acumen and an enviable capacity for writing clear, lively and readable prose. He has in this, as in his other books, succeeded in removing a large accumulation of misunderstanding and misinterpretation, has breathed new life into Hegel's central doctrines, and so made it difficult for the most sceptical not to see that beneath the academic system-builder there was a most audacious, profound and devastating, at times wildly turbulent, thinker.