come first, ideological or economic factors, I would say that changes in economic organization over long periods shake the ideology and the patterns of behavior, while at particular times political and moral factors are in the ascendant.

**ADDED COMMENT RESPECTING THE WEST INDIES**

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In considering research problems bearing on the West Indies, I should like to start from the same point as Dr. Harris, when he considered the matter of slavery. Dr. Harris and I are both agreed that the question has barely been touched. Thus, when I was studying the question of the abolition of British slavery, I was struck by the fact that many of those who had written on the subject had, in the first place, not utilized any of the mass of original documents. In the second place, those students apparently failed to attack the subject except in a very limited way. Even the humanitarian aspect of the matter—the extent to which humanitarian ideals influenced the course of events—has not been touched upon.

A discussion of West Indian slavery should be related to the general questions of the rise of capitalism, and the extent to which British industrial development was made possible by the overseas trade, which means particularly the West Indian plantations and the sugar trade in the eighteenth century. The observation would similarly apply to France.

So far as I know, almost the only book touching on slavery in the British West Indies from about 1688 to 1833, when slavery was abolished, is far from complete. This work, W. L. Burn's *Emancipation and Apprenticeship in the British West Indies*, really covers only the apprenticeship period and four or five years after emancipation, when this apprenticeship system was instituted. It is, as a matter of fact, even somewhat weak on the question of emancipation, since this book of some three hundred pages devotes only about ninety to the emancipation movement.

The same charge of inadequacy of treatment or no treatment at all would also apply to the French colonies. Nobody knows