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Dear Dr. Ferrater Mora:

I am sorry I am so late writing you. I would have written you sooner, but this is my first day out of bed since I saw you last.

I do not like to make excuses for poor work, but at Miss Stearns' suggestion I am writing to explain what happened last Tuesday in Seminar.

I had been ill with an intestinal virus, and got out of bed to come to Seminar to give my report last Tuesday. I had a temperature and was feeling quite ill. In fact, I did not know what I was reading, nor did I understand the questions you were asking me with relation to my report. I apologize for the poor job.

Feeling quite discouraged about my health (which has not been very good for several months) and the poor report I gave for you, I told Miss Stearns that I was going to drop my work since I do not feel that I am intellectually capable to continue. She discouraged me from making such a decision when I was not feeling well, but encouraged me to drop my Seminar with you, so that I can concentrate on my thesis and not feel under so much pressure. Later my doctor insisted that I lighten my load of work also.

I am afraid I shall have to drop the Seminar, but I am wondering whether you would permit me to audit the course. I would very much like to sit in on it, if this is permissible. I shall not be able to be there this week, but would attend beginning next week.

I regret that I have let you down this way. I feel as though I am "pulling out" from something.

Sincerely yours,

Vincie Alessi

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