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My dear Professor Ferrater Mora,

Your highly valued letter(s) of January 25 reached me today. The reply concerns only the matter of a possible appointment in Boston University.

We are delighted to hear so promptly and so favorably from you. As was stated in my previous letter, we are at this time considering several possibilities. The letters to all the prospective candidates were sent in the same mail. Yours was the first reply. In fairness to the best interests of the University and of all the men concerned it will be necessary for us to delay a decision until we have heard from all of the men ~~concerned~~. Hence we are hopeful that you can delay making a definite commitment for next year at Bryn Mawr for at least two or three weeks. I feel reasonably sure that by that time we can be much more specific.

Meanwhile, may I ask one or two questions. Will you please tell me the precise rank which you hold at Bryn Mawr (i.e., Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Full Professor). Also, I'd be glad to know the fields of philosophy in which you feel yourself best qualified to teach. As we have indicated, we should expect the man who comes to us to take perhaps two sections of the "Problems" course, which is mainly Ethics the first semester (a two-hour course) and mainly Epistemology and Metaphysics the second semester. Beyond that, the courses taught would depend on the interests of the man balanced with the needs of the department.

You are of course interested in salary. I'm sorry that at the moment I am not authorized to say anything specific on that topic, but I can assure you that reasonable adjustment can be expected.

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to inquire.

Meanwhile, be assured of my sincere appreciation of your friendly reply, and of our hope that you will defer your decision until you hear definitely from us later.

Very cordially yours,

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