

October 19, 1971

Dear Mr. Ferrater:

Would you be so kind as to write a letter supporting my application to 1) the American Council of Learned Societies and 2) the National Endowment for the Humanities? I am applying for a Grant-in-aid from the former and for a Summer Stipend from the latter. Both are aimed at relieving me of the necessity of teaching summer school. I have enclosed the required forms for each application.

Both applications are for support for exactly the same project, so that the same letter would certainly suffice for each.

Of course, both organizations expressed a particular interest in hearing from someone with expertise in this area and from the Director of my dissertation. You are not surprisingly the coincidence of these non-opposites.

The project is continued research into the Meister Eckhart-Heidegger connection. Since our last communication I have rewritten the article for the Journal of the History of Philosophy. It ended up 105 pages (without the German in the footnotes), but I sent it along to them anyway, letting them know that I am prepared to cut it down if they find it acceptable.

I have explained the whole thing in the enclosed copy of the "Proposal" I sent to the Endowment.

I would certainly appreciate anything you might be able to do--or say--for me, and I will as always be very grateful for your continued help. I'll be in touch with you about developments.

Cordially,

*John Caputo*

PS: Would you retain a copy of the letter, in the event I find another institution to apply to for the same project?

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