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Dear Mr. Ferrater:

I thought you'd be interested in the enclosed. I was delighted to hear this news because the Rank + Tenure committee has gotten very stingy lately. I suppose the process of overcoming metaphysics is completely accomplished only in the step beyond "Professor". But then that sounds like retirement! Do have a pleasant holiday and thank you so much for one warm endorsement of my application for a grant next summer. I'm sure you have strengthened my case.

Cordially

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