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Dear Mr. Ferrater,

Thank you for your recent letter to me, and your letter of recommendation to C. U. P. I appreciate the letter especially in the light, or the shadow, of your dispute with them. So far, I have not been favorably impressed by editors; not only are they consistently rejecting my books (C. U. P. has not yet rendered a decision) but they do so for stupid reasons. I especially recall a letter from the editress of Yale Press who took the book to be a "simplified" Hegel not suitable for the

"seasoned" scholars who allegedly read Yale's publications. Obviously, she does not possess the requisite conceptual tools to distinguish the "simplified" from the clear and the jargon-free. I am not surprised that you have a permanent quarrel with such a person.

I am not surprised either to learn that you are writing a book of short stories, but I am, and have always been, amazed by your capacity to create. As usual, I am merely plodding along, most recently attempting to clarify what I detect ~~to~~ to be conceptual muddles in

various theories in psychology.

I have concluded that the most characteristic feature of that field is high-flown and overblown theory coupled with the investigation of the trivial.

But my year here at Duke has given me an abundance of material for philosophical investigation.

I thank you, again, for your interest and ~~my~~ support of my book.

Very best wishes —

Caroline Duceck