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Dear José:

Thank you for agreeing to supply a letter of recommendation for my application to Syracuse University. Even though it was the Spanish Department which honored you, I think there must have been some local philosophers in the audience then who may now be on the search committee, so I remain hopeful that your letter will carry weight with them, especially with William Alston.

The position for which I am applying at Syracuse University is the Allan and Anita Sutton Distinguished Faculty Fellowship, "a three-year (non-tenure track) endowed faculty fellowship for a new Ph.D. of outstanding scholarly potential in any area of philosophy." Teaching would involve only one course per semester, the emphasis clearly being on research -- I would be expected to produce a book during my time as Sutton Fellow. As far as books are concerned, I have already begun making plans to rework thoroughly my 319-page undergraduate honors thesis on suicide.

In addition to a slightly updated printout of your old letter which I had input into my IBM-PC, I am enclosing the floppy disk itself, so that you may make changes directly in the text file if you wish. The letter is written with Wordstar word processing software, but the text ought to be compatible with whatever software you use, as long as it is IBM-compatible.

Also enclosed are my current c.v., an offprint of the Cassirer article which I am submitting as a writing sample, and a copy of my cover letter to Professor Alston. These three items may be useful to you in revising your letter.

Thank you again for your continuing support. Best regards to Priscilla and the cats.

Sincerely,

Eric