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PART I—(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT)

You should complete this part of the form, and send one triplicate set to each of your Referees. The Board of Graduate Studies will supply additional copies of this form if required.

Name (in block capitals): JOSEPH PATRICK ARCHIE

Qualification for which you propose to become a candidate: M. Litt. in Philosophy

Short statement of your proposed course of research, if applicable: An examination of form and content in later Platonic dialogues; whether and how arguments, structure, characters and dramatic action fit together to form a unified whole.

Date: December 9, 1961

Signature: Joseph Patrick Archie

PART II—(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REFEREE)

The Board of Graduate Studies would be grateful for your comments on the Applicant's academic fitness and general suitability to undertake his/her proposed course of research or study in relation to the qualification for which he/she wishes to become a candidate, and for any other information which you think is relevant to the application. If the Applicant's native tongue is not English, would you please comment on his/her standard of proficiency in that language. This document will be treated in confidence by the University.

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I understand that some other referee will appraise Mr. Archie's abilities in the field of Greek Philosophy. I wish to provide a few general comments on Mr. Archie's overall philosophical ability as testified during a two-semester tutoring seminar in the fields of epistemology and metaphysics.

It is always a pleasure to find a student who can work by himself without constant prodding from the instructor. Mr. Archie is one of such students. I gave Mr. Archie a number of assignments for seminar discussion with (intentionally) only a minimum of bibliography to discover that he worked it all by himself, always finding the necessary (and pertinent) supplementary sources. Mr. Archie's oral and written reports were as a consequence extremely enlightening. He proved to everyone satisfaction that his reading and interpretation of a philosophical text was never a love's labour lost, for he was never content with a prima facie reading. The historical background of the text was for him, as for me, of primary importance. Hence he never got lost in minutiae. Indeed, one outstanding merit of Mr. Archie's academic work is the skillful combination of analytic ability with a synthetic

Name (in block capitals): J. Ferrater Mora

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(The testimonial may be continued on a separate sheet, if necessary. The original and one copy of the completed form, or letter in lieu of this form, should be sent, by air-mail if appropriate, direct to the Secretary of the Board of Graduate Studies at the address shown above.)

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