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Dear José:

Thank you for your letter of 2 August, which was forwarded to me in Oxford (though I reply via Pittsburgh for typing).

I am delighted that there will be a new edition of your excellent Diccionario, though I commiserate with you for the enormous labor this involves.

My colleague Wilfrid Sellars was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1912. Re N. R. Hanson and R. Montague I would suggest consulting the printed obits published in the APA's annual Proceedings. The living could, of course, simply be written to.

As regards the information you would like about me, it runs as follows: b. Hagen (Germany) 1928; Ph.D. from Princeton in 1951; prof. at Pittsburgh since 1961. I also enclose herewith copies of my vita and most recent list of publications (books only). If I try to put together as briefly as possible a list of my "contributions" it would run somewhat as follows: (1) a coherentist theory of knowledge, which is itself validated by pragmatic considerations; (2) a specifically conceptual idealism -- that is, one based on epistemological rather than ontological considerations; (3) a theory of scientific progress based on the technological requirements of scientific inquiry; (4) contributions to various branches of philosophical logic (modal logic, temporal logic, many-valued logic; the theory of plausible reasoning); (5) contributions to the history of logic, especially the modal syllogistic of Aristotle and

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