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Professor José Ferrater-Mora
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Dear Professor Ferrater-Mora:

The permanent members of this university's Institute for Research in the Humanities have asked me to invite you to give a lecture here during the 1980-1981 academic year in a series we sponsor in memory of the late Julius Weinberg. You probably know of Professor Weinberg's work on both the history of medieval philosophy and on certain problems in modern philosophy. You may also know that he was not only a Professor of Philosophy at this university but, in addition, a valued permanent member of our Institute. Shortly after his death, a number of his friends contributed to a fund to help make possible an annual lecture in his memory. Many of these lectures have been given by personal friends and former associates. But others have been given by scholars with interests roughly similar to his. Two years ago, for example, Paul Kristeller delivered our Weinberg lecture.

Birute Ciplijauskaite, who is currently a permanent member of our Institute as well as Professor of Spanish, has told the rest of us a good deal about your interests and showed us samples of your work. So have other members of this faculty, notably Professor Fannie LeMoine of our departments of Classics and Comparative Literature. They have persuaded us that you would be a thoroughly appropriate lecturer for this series given the fact that you have made distinguished contributions both to the history of European philosophy and to modern philosophy. That explains this invitation.

The Weinberg Lecture is open to the entire Madison community but tends to draw people largely from within the university. In your case we would expect it to draw faculty members and students primarily from the departments of philosophy and Spanish. Any topic growing out of your own work which you would judge appropriate to such an audience would be acceptable to us.

We can offer you a modest honorarium of about \$350.00 for this lecture, plus your full travel expenses from Philadelphia and back, plus a per diem payment to cover meals and lodging here. This is not as generous an arrangement as we would wish, but we hope it seems satisfactory. The date of this lecture can be set to meet your convenience. It would probably be best from our point of view to schedule it fairly early in either of our two semesters, e.g. in October of 1980 during the first semester, or in February of 1981 during the second semester. The calendar of lectures here tends to get rather crowded toward the ends of our semesters.

We hope very much that you will be able to accept this invitation. Please let me know in the near future whether that will be possible.

Cordially,



Robert M. Kingdon,
Director

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