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To the Co-optation Committee of the I.I.P.

I should like to propose for membership of the Institut International de Philosophie Professor Manuel Garrido of the University of Valencia, Spain. Spain has at present 3 active members, Professors Ferrater Mora, Nicol, and Marias of whom the first two, however, live outside the country. My proposal is being seconded by Professor Ferrater Mora.

Manuel Garrido was born in the year 1927 and studied philosophy in the universities of Granada and Madrid. He took his doctorate in the University of Madrid in 1956.

After a period of assistant professor ("profesor adjunto"), first in Granada and then in Madrid, Garrido was appointed in 1962 to the chair in logic in the University of Valencia and is head of the Department of Logic and the Philosophy of Science in that university. He is editor in chief of the philosophical periodical Teorema and member of the editorial board of two important series of philosophical publications in Spain.

Professor Garrido is the author of three books: Filosofía científica actual en Alemania (Madrid 1971), Lógica simbólica (Madrid 1974), and Aspectos de la filosofía de Quine (Madrid 1976). Among his several articles the following should be mentioned: "Metafilosofía del racionalismo" (Teorema 1, 1971); "Biología y mecanismo"

In: Filosofía y ciencia en el pensamiento español contemporáneo, Madrid 1973); "La lógica del mundo" (In: Sobre el Tractatus logico-philosophicus, Valencia 1973); "Ego Cogito" (In: Conocimiento y creencia, Valencia 1974); and "La racionalidad de las revoluciones científicas" (Mexico 1977).

Professor Garrido is an original thinker and a man of impressive learning. He has also been very successful as an academic teacher. He has done pioneering work in introducing the study of modern logic and philosophy of science into his country and in promoting contacts between Spain and philosophy on the European continent and in the Anglo-Saxon world.

It is my considered opinion that Professor Garrido would be a worthy member of the I.I.P. and also that the Institute would profit from his participation in its activities.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Professor Ferrater Mora,

Thank you very much for your kind letter in response to mine about our colleague Manuel Garrido. I am glad that you are willing to second the proposal that he be elected member of the Institut International de Philosophie. (The deadline turned out to be 15 May and not, as I had thought, 1 May.) I enclose for your information what I have written about G. You need not, as far as I can see, sign and return it. But needless to say I shall be grateful if you find in the document errors to be corrected or think that something ought to be added which I could later communicate to the Co-optation Committee.

It was very kind of your to send me your book De la materia a la razón. I have a (not too good) reading knowledge of Spanish, so it was not difficult for me to understand your comments on some of my views of actions and norms. You are certainly right in thinking that the way I try to distinguish between act and activity is not satisfactory. I have thought about the matter also in recent years and I do not know exactly how to put things right. The distinction itself is important, I feel. I should wish to say something on the following lines:

Actions can be viewed under two aspects, viz. one of achievement and one of process. Action as achievement results in certain changes or states of affairs and they are usually described in terms of these results. ("He opened the window", for example.) Action as process again consists in the bodily movements whereby the results are achieved. These movements (of limbs and other parts of the body) are activity. In every action some activity is involved but whether every activity also can be viewed under the aspect of an achievement is uncertain.

I hope you will enjoy a good summer in your native country. If you happen to see Professor Garrido, give him my best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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