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Dear Professor Ferrater,

I have just sent off a recommendation to the A.F.S. My hope is that it will do some good. In any event, I have given both you and your project my full and enthusiastic support.

It happens that I have some good news to report in connection with grants. I have just been informed that I have been awarded an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship to spend twelve months in Europe (Switzerland, Germany, Austria in particular) to do some research on the relationships between philosophy and theoretical psychiatry. May I now appeal to you, busy as I know you are, for some very practical advice?

I shall be going to Europe with my wife and three children for the entire stay (children are ages 10, 5, and 4). My concern is where to establish a center of operations. I am free to go wherever I wish, to move around as I please, etc. I wish to find a place where living is not too expensive, where (I hope) I might find an appropriate school for my ten year old boy (he does not speak any language other than English), where I would have access to a university library, and where some of the delights of living abroad could be best realized. I realize, of course, that there are many subjective, individual factors involved and that advice is difficult to give. Still, I wonder if you have any general suggestions. My own thoughts at the moment center around going to Austria or to Switzerland as a permanent base of operations. I am told that Austria is one of the least expensive places in central Europe. Do you think it would be meaningful for me to consider Vienna or Innsbruck? Do you have any personal knowledge of Switzerland? Do you happen to know Wurzburg, Germany?

Well, any suggestions you can make in any dimension would be more than welcome. I am considering travelling, by the way, on the Holland-American line (ship).

With every good wish for your research,

Sincerely,

Maurice Natanson

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