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however, and I suspect some kind of radical drop-off for our next meeting. The drop-off will be braked, in part, by the appeal of your topic, Existentialism. The second lecture was a bit too thin to hold the audience; so I am counting on you--your enthusiasm, presence, and social grace--to counter-balance the effect of that experience.

Our procedure is to allow the speaker forty minutes or so to say what is in his mind; then we recess for three or four minutes, and reconvene in a small group for a question period of around forty minutes in extent. In the first two meetings it has been necessary to use a P. A. system; and one will be on hand when you visit the campus. The most helpful thing you could do for us in the first forty minutes would be to talk first about the history of Existentialism, and then move on to a discussion of its salient points. A sympathetic exposition of what it is all about could set the stage effectively, I think, for questions. In so far as you can bring yourself to stand behind the doctrine for the evening, this will add to the effectiveness of the hour. Please be assured that I await your appearance here with much enthusiasm.

Since you have said you are going to drive down I shall have my colleague, Tom Katen, call you by phone from Philadelphia in order to discuss the best route. My wife and I would be delighted if you and your wife could come down early enough to have a simple dinner with us. Furthermore, I should like to invite you to stop by our home after the meeting for some kind of refreshment, and to meet some of our faculty.

Thank you again for your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Reese

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