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Dear Professor Ferrater-Mora,

I envy you your summer abroad - although my work goes well in the vast summer stillness of State College, I cannot help thinking of Paris, Florence, and those other incredible places. Needless to say, you are both free and welcome to use my name at any time, for all purposes of recommendation. I wrote a strong letter on your behalf to the Euckenheim people, and will do so again at the appropriate moment. I am sorry you were not successful then. I will be in Martha's Vineyard during the first weeks of September, but will be "at hand" to receive your forms in August - or between Sept. 15-30 if you prefer.

May I ask a reciprocal favor? I am going to apply for a "Junior Fellowship" at the Institute for Research in the Humanities, in Madison, Wisconsin. I should like to present your name as one of those who is familiar with my work. My project is "Aristotle's Conception of Mind." The article you read was the beginning of my work on the problem, which is being expanded to deal systematically with the discussions of *voûs* in the Aristotelian corpus. I will try to link up a coherent discussion of *voûs* (both in man and "god") with *ta vouta*, more specifically, with the noetic element in the forms. This work, although "complete" in itself - to use an excessively optimistic term - also will find its place in long-range studies on the relation between Philosophy and History (i.e. Being + Time): la querelle entre les anciens et les modernes, seen in terms of the fundamental philosophical questions. For the time being, I shall be working on the *Works*: their conception of *isotopia*, of the relation between motion and rest, - and especially: Plato's Ideas and Aristotle's *Noûs*. This is the horizon within which my project lies. For the fellowship, I am emphasizing just the Aristotle: a scholarly, systematic analysis, including recourse to the ancient commentators - and only then the philosophical reflection on the underlying problems. I have discussed all this with Friedrich Solmsen, formerly of Cornell, now a Senior Fellow at the Institute, and he seems receptive and an excellent introducer.