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Dear Professor Ferrater:

I am writing to thank you for agreeing to read my Ortega book for Norton. Brockway wrote me today to say that for financial reasons he had decided not to publish it. That made me a little sad, but I want still to publish it in English and Spanish. I guess I will send the manuscript to Oxford U. P. since, if they accept it, I know they will do a careful job of editing and printing it.

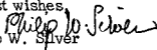
I just read in European Philosophy Today your paper on Zubiri and it made me ashamed, I mean this, that I had asked you to read my work on Ortega. I know this sounds like reverse false modesty but I have been acutely aware ever since I began to work on Ortega just how absolute the line would be between what I was doing and what a professional could manage. But once I began I could not stop and, having done the best I can, my feeling is that I have grown and learned a good deal myself.

Brockway said in his letter to me that he had a favorable report from you and for this I thank you... especially for your precious time.

Let me know how you have been doing with the translations of your new books, such as El Ser y el Sentido (o el sentido) which you gave me in 1967 in Oberlin.

Best wishes,

Philip W. Silver



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