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Dear Dr. Ferrater Mora,

For several years I have been working on a doctoral dissertation at Columbia University concerning Farias Brito's Philosophy of Spirit. Since no one at Columbia is acquainted with Brazilian philosophy I did most of the research, outlining and writing without faculty direction. I did have the good fortune, however, in being able to talk at some length with Cruz Costa, Miguel Reale and Alceu Amoroso Lima about it.

The first draft is now finished. Before revising it I should like to secure judgments concerning its structure, content and value from a few people who are acquainted with the work of Farias Brito. The excellent article on his life and thought which appears in your Dictionary of Philosophy shows that you are one of the very few people in this country well enough acquainted with him to do this.

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of the dissertation outline and a 39-page summary of the first draft. It would be of great help if you could look these over and let me know your candid opinion of it as it stands at present.

There is no need to return these to me. If you find yourself too involved with other matters to do this, please forgive me for bothering you with it!

Incidentally, your article indicates that Graça Arenha was influenced by Farias Brito and actually tried to carry out some of his ideas. I have been unable to find any evidence for such a statement and should appreciate knowing on what it was based.

Cordially


Fred G. Sturm

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