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Washington D.C.

Dear Colleague,

Would it be an imposition to ask you to state kindly your opinion about my philosophical work (scholarship, originality, if any, etc.)?

The fact (please do keep it strictly confidential) is that as I understood my candidacy has been at some length distressed by the Dept. of Philosophy at Harvard University and more of the questions raised (e.g. the value of my work, my status in the field etc.) has been [*il-legible*] and adequately answered due to the fact that no one was informed about it properly.

Of course, the matter should be judged by highest standards of the profession. At this point is for me more the question of a personal pride, than of a concrete appointment, I believe, but this makes it more acute and important. I entrust it to your judge! As you may well realize, my recent initiatives towards the reorientation and reorganization of the current phenomenological research (specially the Analecta Husserliana appearance) has unfortunately antagonizes, most of the once leading phenomenologist in Europe, also here, and Jugorden just died....

With cordial greetings  
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PS. The letter should be addressed to: Prof. J. Rawls, Dept. of Philosophy, Harvard University.