Dear Mr Ferrater-Mora,

Thank-you so much for allowing me the extra time necessary to complete this paper. I'm sure you were beginning to wonder what happenened to it, me, and January 1st... did we go down in the Andes and never make it home for Christmas? Fortunately this doesn't happen on the way to Canton, Ohio, although several hour delays are par for the course. Coming home to the snowbelt is part of the cause for my further delay however; I managed to pick up, Hong-Kong, Bangkok, Lower Mongolian or whatever exam-week flu was rampaging the campus this year. I was thrilled to take it home for Christmas along with an Ohio-born cold and can attest to the fact that sneezing does not do anything for one's writing style, let alone thought patterns. I do hope you've had a healthy and happy holiday season, and that late papers have not interrupted your break too much, and this late, late paper is not so late as to cause you consternation.

Sincerely,

Martha Welch!

- happily finished paper-writer.