

Dear José,

Professor Ruiz-Formals just called to let me know that our proposal had been approved. Very good news, indeed. He asked me to arrange informally write you a date convenient for everyone concerned so that an invitation to you could then be made officially for a definite date.

As I understand, his department calendar I open for the spring. The only suggestion he made was that your main lecture which would be open to the public be on either a Monday or Tuesday evening. We agreed that sometime between mid-March and mid-April would be optimal. A later time would be too near exams. The last week in January or any time in February is possible as far as I know, but the weather is unpredictable and Tuscaloosa really not at its best. Our Spring vacation is from the 7th to 13th of March as the first week of March is possible also, but not as desirable.

My department Chairman (Iredell Jenkins) is out-of-town but will be back on Monday. I will check with him and other members of our department then. In the meantime, if you would let me know what dates are possible for you perhaps we can have everything settled soon.

We were given as we had requested \$410 for your airplane ticket and honorarium. The bookkeeping procedures here are a mystery to me. You can either fly to Atlanta and from there to Tuscaloosa by Southern Airways or, I am sure directly from Philadelphia to Birmingham where I or someone else could meet you. It is an hour and a half drive to Birmingham but the traffic is relatively light and the drive not much trouble at all.

I have been recently appointed adviser to the Philosophy Club which is just forming. We have a larger number of majors than usual. —over 20 juniors and seniors and about the same number of minors. This will be the first year we will be awarding the Marten and Marie Ten Hoor Prize to an outstanding student in philosophy, so this good year will be really topped off by your visit.

Have you thought of what might like to speak on? Try to think of some way to include the interest of the Spanish Dept., whatever they are. Perhaps you being a Spanish philosopher is enough, but since they have been very good about making arrangements, I don't want them to think they were left out.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With warmest regards,
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