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Dear Professor Ferrater-Mora:

On behalf of the Institute for Research in the Humanities and with the approval of Dean E. David Cronon of the College of Letters and Science of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, I invite you to be the Herbert F. Johnson Research Professor at our Institute during the 1981-1982 academic year. This invitation is based on the nomination of this university's Department of Spanish and Portuguese and of Professor Birute Ciplijauskaite who is a permanent member of both this Institute and that department. They would be particularly pleased to have you in Madison. The Johnson Professorship will carry a salary of \$30,000 for the 1981-1982 academic year, beginning on August 27, 1981, and ending about May 25, 1982. The Johnson Professorship is our most distinguished appointment at this Institute, and we would deem it a great honor to have you as its occupant.

While the Johnson Professorship does not require any formal teaching obligations, we hope that you would give two or more public lectures during the year. In the past we have sponsored an annual series of lectures by our visitors in one semester and that would be one possible occasion for a lecture. We have also in recent years sponsored a small symposium or conference focused on the research interests of our Johnson Professor in the other semester. If such a symposium were to be arranged during your stay here, we would be glad to have your advice, and hope you would be willing both to assist us in planning this conference and to participate in it yourself.

We also hope that you would find it useful to become more fully acquainted with your many admirers on our faculty and with students interested in your work. In the past many of our Johnson Professors have taught a seminar or participated in a colloquium offered by the teaching department most interested in their research, subject to negotiation with the relevant department. In your case that would presumably be the Departments of Spanish and Portuguese and of Philosophy.

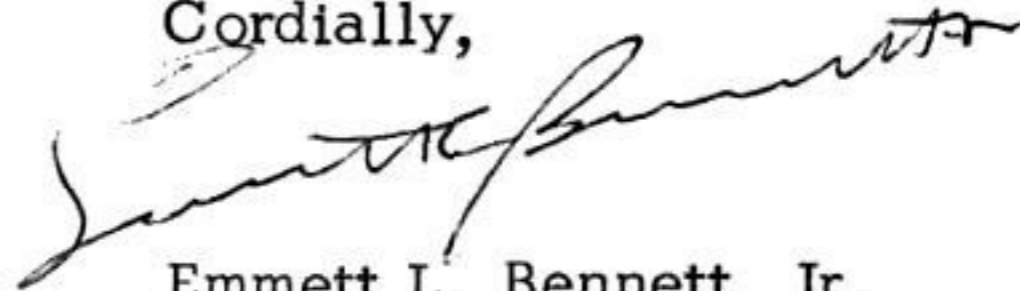
Your only obligation to this Institute, however, would be as a research professor and you would have no teaching responsibilities here. The Institute provides its members and fellows with private offices, secretarial assistance, modest photocopying and other research assistance, a small reference library intended primarily for specialists in ancient and medieval studies, and close and stimulating association with a diverse group of scholars in the humanities, usually about a dozen in a year. You would be free to leave Madison occasionally to visit other American research centers.

I enclose a brief historical description of our Institute to provide you with additional information, in case you do not have at hand the information supplied to you earlier by Professor Ciplijauskaite.

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My colleagues in the Institute join me in the hope that you will be able to accept this invitation. If you need additional information before making a final decision, please feel free to write or telephone me. We would appreciate a prompt response.

Cordially,



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