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Dear Mr. Ferrater-Mora,

At the end of this academic year I will be eligible to retire from the School System of Philadelphia, in which I have been working for the past thirty years. I have not decided to do so definitely, but at this point in my career the option is indeed reassuring and attractive. If I can find something else to do - whether it be teaching a few courses in Philosophy here and there, to maintain some intellectual activity as well as supplement my income, or else embark upon something completely different from instruction and academia, I will be inclined to consider such alternatives very seriously.

No, I am not asking for advice. Like the young man who went to Sartre for counsel on whether to join the Resistance or stay with his aging mother, I would be making my choice by asking for advice from you rather than someone else! I am imposing instead with a request that you write a letter of reference for me. During the past three decades I have not needed to apply for a position and therefore did not need to prepare a Curriculum Vitae. Now that it appears that such a dossier will be obligatory, I am forced to make this request, fully cognizant of the fact that you are busy and have a myriad other things that you would rather do. Please accept my apologies in advance, joined to my sincere thanks for this and all the other favors you have generously done for me in the past.

I do hope that all is well with you, that you are in good health, enjoying your retirement, and doing all the things you have always wanted to do.

Sincerely,

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