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My dear Dr. Ferrater Mora,

It is indeed a pleasant surprise to receive a letter from you. I have been using your Diccionario for many months with profit, and my admiration for your industry and scholarship exceeds all bounds. That you have accomplished to large a task in a time so relatively short is, indeed, remarkable. I shall expect to see further fruits from your wide scholarship and your unusually objective mind. Please be sure to inform me when the second edition of your Dictionary appears. I shall be intensely interested in it.

I realize that it must be difficult for you to secure in Santiago the materials which you need. I am sending you by parcel post a few items of my own as well as a number of abstracts of dissertations by my students. However, the situation here is not too simple. We do not have "publicaciones filosóficas universitarias." They simply do not exist in the United States in the sense in which they exist in Mexico, and Argentina. Further, books are much more expensive here than in Latin America. Europeans and Latin Americans are accustomed to securing good books very inexpensively, bound in paper. We have almost no good books of that sort. Ours are almost all bound in cloth and boards, and hence are much more expensive. Do you have a copy of Runes, Dictionary of Philosophy? It would give you some information on many of the men you are interested in, although it is not carefully edited and the articles are often far from adequate. For example, the article on Bowne is almost ridiculous. Let me tell you confidentially, but frankly, something that may amuse you. I happen to know that some of the articles in Runes derived their data from your Diccionario. The articles on some subjects, as on Symbolic Logic, are very well done. The typography is atrocious. If there is no copy in Santiago, I shall gladly secure one for you and send it on.

May I ask whether you are attached to the University in Santiago, or or working as a private scholar?

Hoping that you will receive my packages in a short time, and wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year-- for the holiday season is approaching--I remain

Most cordially and gratefully yours,

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