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My dear Professor Ferrater Mora,

As you well knew from proverbial wisdom, large bodies move slowly. The committee is not yet ready to extend an invitation to anyone, but all desire to make your acquaintance. It is obvious that no really intelligent consideration could be given to a candidate whom the committee had not met personally. Also, there are details that can best be talked over personally.

We hope, therefore that you can plan to make an early trip for a day in Boston. I am aware that this will involve your "cutting classes," for a day, almost inevitably, and I hope that you can arrange it. We have to plan the time around the convenience of the Dean of the Graduate School (C. M. Alter) and the President of the University (Daniel L. Marsh). Other deans involved are W. G. Muelder, of the School of Theology (Protestant), whose students would be allowed to elect philosophical courses, and Ralph W. Taylor, of the College of Liberal Arts. It appears that the best dates for a conference with you would be Monday, February 6, ~~and~~ ^{or} Friday, February 10. President Marsh could see you at 2.30 on either one of these days, and the rest of us could meet you either earlier or later on that day. I'd somewhat prefer Monday, myself, but either day would be acceptable.

My suggestion is that you come up on a sleeper and reach Boston in the morning of either day you choose. Please get off at Back Bay. Let us know what time you are coming. I hope we can have someone to meet you. If that is impossible, as it might possibly be, please telephone me at my home as soon as you arrive. My number is BI- 4-7841. I'd like to have you come to my home first for a talk there before we meet the others. My house is 42 Braeland Avenue, just across the track from the Newton Center railroad station; but unfortunately no train runs in the morning.

I hope you will be able to reply at once. The University will pay your railroad fare one way. I hope you can take care of the rest, yourself. You understand, of course, that this interview involves no more commitment than our previous correspondence, which is none at all. It involves only a sincere interest on both sides. Please reply at once.

Very cordially yours,

Edgar S. Brightman

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Copies to: Deans Alter, Muelder, and Taylor
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