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Dear Professor Ferrater Mora,

The work in philosophy in the Boston University Graduate School has expanded considerably in recent years. There are at present 27 doctoral candidates nearing their degrees, not to mention many others in earlier stages. Further, the Boston University College of Liberal Arts has recently made a two-semester course in philosophy a requirement for the bachelor's degree; this is on the junior-senior level. Two strong instructors have recently been added to the staff, and a third is contemplated for the fall. We now need an additional staff member of professorial rank who would be willing to work both on the graduate level and also in sections of the undergraduate course mentioned above. You will be interested in the fact that I have been teaching Latin-American philosophy, and that we have an active department of regional studies for Latin America.

You know something about Boston University and its interest in personalistic philosophy. My acquaintance with you has been most delightful. This letter, based on that background, is a highly tentative inquiry, without any commitment on either side. In spite of the vagueness necessary at this stage, we are interested to learn whether you would consider an offer to join the faculty of Boston University on the professorial level, working in our new buildings on our new campus. Whether your immediate feeling is favorable or unfavorable, we should be most grateful for a frank and early reply, and shall be happy to answer any queries you may raise.

You will of course understand that Boston University must at this time be considereing more than one possibility. Your name is prominent among the few now being given serious consideration by the group to whom copies of this letter are being sent.

As you may infer, I shall be retiring in four or five years and I desire to leave a strong department when I cease active service.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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