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Dear Professor Ferrater:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of May 14th, for the information about Lidia Peradotto's monograph, and for the information about your own publications.

It may be, ~~that~~ now that I know the name of the periodical in which Lidia Peradotto's work appeared, that I ~~will~~ ^{in the U.S.} be able to locate it in some library in the United States and have it sent to me for examination. At least I will make the search - though I often find that South American scholarly periodicals are much less easy to obtain in libraries, ^{in the U.S.} than those published in Europe, for example. In any case I will certainly appreciate it very much indeed if you can obtain the complete information for me, both about the paper as published in the Revista de la Universidad de Buenos Aires, and about the reprint. If you could actually obtain a copy for me, of course this would be still more valuable, but I feel that I have hardly any right to expect this.

The second edition of your Diccionario de Filosofía was listed by title in the Journal, XIII 58(4), because it was felt that it did not contain sufficient material in our field to justify a review of it. From the description in your letter it is evident that the third edition contains a great deal more material that we ought to notice, and I would like very much to be able to have it reviewed for the Journal. For this purpose, could you ask the publishers to send a review copy of the Diccionario to me, as editor of the Journal of Symbolic Logic, at Fine Hall, Princeton, New Jersey.

The two articles by you which are being reprinted as articles in the Diccionario ought also at least to be listed by title in the Journal. Whether they should have a separate review in addition to that of the Diccionario as a whole is a matter which is best determined after seeing the articles themselves. The references which you give me are complete except for one thing, and that is that the year of publication of Volume 1, No. 1 of Notas y Estudios de Filosofía is missing. Could you supply this date for me? If you have copies of the articles available that you could send me for examination, I would also appreciate this very much indeed. But failing that I am very glad to have at least the complete information about the places in which the articles appeared and their content. Again it may be that I can locate one or both of them in libraries and thus be able to examine them.

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For the forthcoming third edition of your Diccionario, if it is not too late, and if you have not already included them, I would like to suggest that you ought to include a reference to Zubieta's dissertation which was reviewed in Volume 15 of the Journal, page 200, and also a related article by the same author published in the Boletín de la Sociedad Matemática Mexicana, volume 7, no. 1-2, pages 1-21, under the title "Sobre la substitución de las variables funcionales en el calculo funcional de primer orden." These are, in fact, the best treatments that I have seen in the Spanish language of topics in the field of mathematical logic—at least among publications that really go into the matter in detail, as distinguished from giving a sort of superficial or popularized description. And it would seem that if you are still interested in quoting material that would be primarily available to those who speak Spanish that Zubieta's publications are among the first to include. I would also mention in this connection Quine's book in Portuguese, "O sentido da nova lógica" though no doubt you are already familiar with this. *(It was reviewed in the Journal, XII 16.)*

I am sorry that I have no remaining copy to send of our review of Granell's book, which appeared in the last number of the Journal. However, following our usual procedure, since this review was written from a review copy supplied by the publisher, we sent a copy of the review to the publisher of the book as soon as the review had appeared. Presumably Professor Granell has already seen the review by this means, since it is usual for the publisher after receiving a copy of a review to forward it to the author. If he has not seen the review, perhaps he could obtain the copy that we sent to the publishers, or alternatively if necessary I can prepare a typewritten copy of the review and send it to him.

With many thanks again for your help, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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