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Dear Mr. Ferrater Mora

First of all I want to thank you for "The Idea of Man" I enjoyed reading it very much and certainly intended to write you sooner, but somehow summers seem to become quite complicated. Nevertheless I did do most of the reading which you recommended for my paper (with the exception of Freyer which I ordered from S. America months ago but have not yet received).

However, instead of clarifying the topic under study, the reading has left me in an absolute muddle. Before I started I was not sure how I could attack the problem of philosophy of culture without becoming too abstract, but, at the same time, without losing the "Queen of the Sciences" in the cultural aspects of the subject. By now, I do not know what culture is, what values are whether a philosophy of culture is possible or what in the world I am doing. Most of the books seem to either say nothing that appears particularly relevant to whatever it is I am trying to do or else they ramble on for pages trying to lay a groundwork for something or other which they neglect to mention! When you ask me what aspect(s) I intend to study, I am afraid that I shall have to confess that I am so confused that I am uncertain what an "aspect" might mean in such a problem.

Perhaps I might be able to study something like the relationship between objectivity and subjectivity, but at present I hardly know how to begin to approach such a topic. However, I am still not defeated, but only wanted to warn you of the progress (?) which I have made so far so that you will be able to put an "addressee unknown" sign on your door in order to protect yourself from the flying chaos. If this letter does not discourage you, I shall see you in September. Even if it does discourage you, I shall see you in September. I hope that you enjoy the remaining month of the vacation.

Sincerely,

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