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Dear Mr. Ferrater,

Thank you very much for speaking with the members of my committee and persuading them to read my dissertation at such a late date. It is obvious to me now that I would never have been able to comply with the March 10th deadline. As it is, I will be working on the dissertation up to the very last minute. Before I leave here, I must read final examinations and assign grades for all of my courses. Also, I must move out of my apartment and so on, ad nauseum.

It is unlikely that I will be able to leave here before the 17th. I will deliver copies of my dissertation to all members of my committee as close to that date as possible.

Dr. Howey has just informed me that the student evaluations of my courses this semester were "outstandingly" good. I am thinking of having him write a letter, to that effect, to you. It might help also, I should tell you that unless Dr. Howey receives a letter indicating that "all requirements for the Ph.D. degree have been completed", he will have to go to the Dean here and "fight" for my cause. The administration is notoriously unsympathetic in such cases, even though the "individual" (they refer to everyone here as "the individual") has taught with success. Many people, in my situation, have lost their jobs.

I sincerely hope my dissertation will not prove too much of an embarrassment. Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Sincerely yours

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