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Dear José,

I am grateful to you for thinking of us, and letting me know of this opportunity to invite Butor. It would be very tempting. But my problem is that we have already exhausted, and gone beyond, the limited funds we have for lecturers. In addition, we had the Veins Columbia troupe here, with their presentation of Le Misanthrope. It was a success, but with the help of another fund into which we had to dip. We now have to soft pedal until the fall, when we get fresh resources. I feel bad that we have to forego this opportunity, and am sorry we did not know of his

availability earlier, when we  
still had funds. Many thanks,  
though, for keeping me  
posted.

As you know, René is in  
Aurignac now. I hope he  
interests Gallimard in this  
book.

Things are hectic here too.  
Perhaps this is now a perpetual  
condition. But I keep hoping  
it is not. There must be  
a simpler way of ordering  
the life of study, or what  
should be such a life!

Thanks again. Best greetings  
to you and the family.

Sincerely,

Yves

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