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Dear Dean Mellink:

Your letter of February 12 disturbs me, primarily because there is no mention of the "compromise" which you proposed at our meeting on February 4, whereby I would forfeit my stipend as Teaching Assistant but still keep the tuition waiver for the rest of this semester.

Indeed I understand the logic of your position; but one would never dream, from reading the Graduate School Calendar, 1979-80, pp. 88-89, that this position is also the "customary procedure" of the college. Although Fellows and Scholars are explicitly restricted with regard to accepting other work, there is absolutely no policy stated on this issue for Assistants. Therefore, I cannot agree with your position.

Other Assistants have held jobs concurrently with their Assistantships, and, to my knowledge, no administrative pressure was ever put upon them on this account.

Thus, though you may well have logic on your side, I have both precedent and the deception of a carelessly written college catalog on mine.

As I indicated to you on February 4, I am unwilling to resign, for the reasons above. However, I am willing to accept the "compromise." I am even willing to continue to order books and to read Mr. Ferrater's students' papers, for no pay. I did not ever believe that my new job would seriously affect my ability to perform my duties as Assistant, and even now I would not like to have to leave Mr. Ferrater and the Department in the lurch.

Sincerely,

cc. Mr. Kline
President McPherson
Mr. Ferrater Mora
Miss Potter

Mr. Weaver

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