

250 Douglass Street
San Francisco, California
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Dear Mr. Ferrater Mora,

Early in the month I wrote off to a Maryland college about a position it intends to fill. Today I had a reply from the Chairman of the Department of Philosophy there. His name is Professor Robert L. Harder; and the Department of Philosophy of which he is Chairman is Washington College of Chestertown, Maryland. Would you write to him for me, please? *It's only for letters.*

He suggests that he'd like to see me if I am going to be present at the A. P. A. meetings in N. Y. C. Well, of course, I am not; I am today in fact in attendance at the Pacific ones. He remarks that they do not make appointments without interview; I assume that if he does like the letters that come to him about me that he'll invite me to come to Maryland. Maybe not, though; perhaps the College is too poor. In any event, we shall see. He does say ~~that~~ "Your preparation would seem to fit you for work in our department," and I hope that that means that he thinks well of historians.

The appointment to be made is a serious one, incidentally, not merely a replacement one. I am much interested in it, even though it does require that one teach twelve hours. A brochure I have says that the average size of lower-division courses is 20 students and that the average size of upper-division ones is 12 students. Well, if I had two of each, I might end up having 64 students, I calculate. That is a good many fewer than the 132 I have right now (incidentally, in the spring semester here I am likely to have 140 or 150).

Washington College~~s~~ is a ~~small~~ college that I have heard of in the past, by the way. It is small--about the size of Bryn Mawr--undergraduate, very old, private, and for men and women both. I've told you, I think, how much I like teaching both men and women students here; well, that I would teach both men and women there is attractive to me. Professor Harder mentions in his letter that, ~~my~~ if I were to come there, my teaching schedule would include an Introduction to Philosophy X "and several other courses to be decided in terms of your preparation and preferences."

In a few minutes I must depart~~ure~~ for the downtown hotel where the smoker here is being held. ~~There~~ There are very few people in attendance at these Pacific meetings, I observed earlier today, and I doubt that I shall make any contact worthwhile. But--who knows?--perhaps I'll find somebody interesting to chat with, anyway. The department chairman here (he is Acting Department Chairman; he is a very young fellow and has not been here long himself) has said that he'd like to introduce me around to people that he knows. He yesterday called me on the telephone, incidentally, and asked me if I'd like him to write letters for me.

Sincerely,

Julia

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