

Wells College
AURORA, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

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Dear Mr. Ferrater Mora,

I've just been reading Father Paul Henry's remarks about the true nature and import of atheism, and this has sufficed to remove me for awhile from Wells College. The meetings next week will remove me, too, for of course I shall do as you and Mr. Nahm tell me to do and go. I shall leave here either Saturday or Sunday--it depends on how likely or unlikely it is that Aurora would be snowbound on Sunday--and shall proceed to the apartment of a friend of mine, Mary Hendrickson. My address will be: 430 East 65th Street, Apartment 6F, New York 21. My telephone number will be: LEhigh 5-1244. I look forward to seeing you if you do manage to come for the day of the smoker.

About letters of recommendation. I assume that the President and the Dean in writing for me would mention good things and skip the bad. I don't trust either man. The President has no use for women with professional pretensions (that is why he has brought men like Jaffe here and given them power and tenure far too quickly). He was quite courteous to me in that interview, however. The Dean hates Jaffe and knows that I do, too. We hate him for quite different reasons, though, and hence I've no idea of how the Dean would appraise me in a letter. "Would it be of value for me to have a letter from an Associate Professor of English? My closest friend here is Evelyn Clinton, who handles all the drama things. Immediately upon my telling her of what had happened, she offered to write for me if you, the members of my department, thought that it would be of any help. It seems to me that it would be of real help. Helen Nutting, who wrote to Mr. Nahm, almost surely would write for me, too, if I asked her to.

You are very good in consolation. You have given me reason to suspect that it is perhaps not wise for me to consider myself to be essentially defined as: non-reappointee (genus) at Wells (differentia).

Sincerely,

J. L. -

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