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250 Douglass Street
San Francisco, California

December 11, 1965
...really very much prefer...

Dear Mr. Ferrater Mora,

I want to mention that I have asked Jean Potter if she would be willing to write on my behalf this year and she has just replied saying that she would be very glad to. She is going to put a letter in the Bureau of Recommendations for me, and she is also willing to write to people directly in circumstances where that seems best. Now that gives me four people from the Bryn Mawr Department supporting me--you, Leblanc, Stearns, and Potter. That is a good number, and I believe that Mr. Nahm's not being of that number will not ultimately matter.

I just mentioned the Bureau of Recommendations. From a couple of years ago there is a letter from Mr. Nahm there for me. Should it be there now under the circumstances? If you think that it should be omitted, I should appreciate your going over to see Mrs. Crenshaw herself and telling her to put it aside. There is, moreover, a very real possibility that, acting on her own, she has this fall asked Mr. Nahm to update his letter. If she has asked him and he has done it, that could be hurtful to me. I should like you to look into and stabilize the situation. There is no reason why I should, at this point, have to suffer from his ill will. If you conclude that there should be no letter at all from him there, make that crystal clear to Mrs. Crenshaw's natively muddy mind. Then, please, let me know what you've done.

Some weeks ago Leblanc agreed to put a new letter there. In a day or so I shall write asking Miss Stearns to, too. Would you yourself update your own letter there--if you think it should be updated? I presume that one dated after I've taken my degree would be better. I have in mind, you see, relying more in the future on those letters than I have in the past.

I am extremely tired. One hundred and thirty-two students for a single faculty member to deal with is far too many; and it is required that I require three papers from half of those. That means that I have during this single semester about 200 papers of term paper length to read and mark--in addition to examinations. That is absurd. Looking about me, I have found that practically everyone teaching here is similarly overburdened. Mr. Kline wanted me of this last spring, but I didn't then find it possible to imagine what it really would be like.

I am tired, too, for another reason. Last Monday night, coming home from my night class, I was leapt on from behind, beaten a number of times with fists about the head and face, and left in a semi-daze on the sidewalk. The man who did this fled, taking my purse. During all this I managed to scream loudly, which perhaps prevented my suffering further harm. I was within 200 feet of my front door, on a well-lighted street; and I live in a "good" neighborhood. I have a good many bruises.

Sincerely,

Jul:-

Oh, yes, thank you for the news about Hollins College. A week or two ago I sent off a note to Mr. Kline asking if he knows and could send me

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Mrs. Zeldin's address for this year. I want to send her a Christmas card. Now what you've told me makes me want to write her about the situation at the College, too. I've heard nothing from Mr. Kline and I can't write her until I have an address. If you see him some time soon and think of it, perhaps you could ask him for it.

Oh, yes, I had a note from the Prof. Schurr at Pennsylvania. His college (Park College) really very much prefers someone in the philosophy of science.

I appreciate your intending to be alert to possibilities at the N. Y. meetings. Perhaps something could come up now. But I have it very much in mind that the thing to do is to be calm and patient until the early May Midwestern meetings. There things would be bound to turn ~~out~~ up; last year made this apparent to me. And in fact there some better things are likely to turn up.

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