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Dear Mr. Ferreter Mora,

I shan't give up hope entirely about Penn State, but the letter I've had from the Chairman of the Department there makes me feel it wise not to think very much about it all. The letter says: "Your letter to Professor Rosen is at hand, and I am including it and the other information in our file of applicants. I may say that the applicants this year are quite strong, especially in terms of publications. Your record is a solid one and I am pleased to be able to consider it." This is signed by John A. Anderson.

Mr. Nahm will have sent papers on, and I imagine that he will have explained in some manner or other my situation here. (He did write a courteous note to me last week, which I was exceedingly glad to get.) But I am going to write him a note this afternoon asking him if he would mind making sure (or if he would tell me how I could make sure myself) that Penn State doesn't somehow innocently write to Jaffe here about me. Jaffe is, in my opinion, very near a total crackup and the atmosphere here is utterly poisonous; if he had the slightest inkling that I was applying anywhere for a position, he would feel it his duty to explain my true character to the people to whom I was applying.

I shall ask Mr. Nahm's help in this regard about another job, too, a job about which I have received notice today from the APA. I intend to write a letter of application for it this afternoon, and I should appreciate your writing a letter directly for me. Here is what the APA notice says:

"We have been notified of an opening, for either a man or a woman, at the rank of Instructor, at Iowa State University. The Ph. D. is not required. No previous teaching experience is required. The appointment will become effective September 1, 1960. The salary will be $5,700 for nine months. Instructorships at Iowa State are nine-month appointments, renewable twice.

The person appointed will be expected to teach Introduction to Philosophy and Introductory Logic.

If you are interested in this position, you should apply directly to Professor Clarence H. Matterson, Head, Department of History, Government and Philosophy, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa."

Sincerely,

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