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Dear Professor Ferrater Mora,

I am very sorry for not having written to you sooner to thank you for your interest in my work as well as the time which you were able to spend with me. The fact is that I have been very busy finishing up the work left on my thesis.

The thesis is quite long, but I feel that it is worth the extra length in order to present with some accuracy my ideas concerning the basic structure of Unamuno's philosophy.

I have found our discussion very helpful, especially in regard to Unamuno's notion of 'thinking'. I would be very pleased if you could discuss this with me should you have time to read my thesis in the Fall as Professor Jonas suggested you might. In regard to Unamuno's very important notion of ensueño, I have come to the conclusion that essentially Unamuno is trying to describe what Husserl refers to as the self-intentive structure of consciousness as both constitutive of, and constituting the world. This kind of description is carried out largely in the novels. Because any comparison of this kind would take up too much space at the present time, I am not able to use this comparison in my thesis. It would involve showing that Unamuno and Husserl are both describing the same constituting of consciousness and the world. Nevertheless, I believe that this can be done, especially through a comparison of their descriptions of time-consciousness. In any case, I hope that one day we will be able to discuss such matters.

To turn to other things for the moment, I have been able to find one of your books: Qué es la lógica? It is certainly one of the clearest books of its kind, and I have enjoyed reading it very much. I am at the present time searching for the other books, and am quite optimistic about being able to find them.

I wish to thank you again for the time we spent together, and I should also like to wish you a very pleasant summer.

Sincerely yours,

*Fred Kersten*

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