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Dear Professor:

Greetings from down under -- far away Australia! Though I am a notoriously bad correspondent, you have often been in my thought during my stay here, and I sincerely hope this finds you well.

Besides desiring to renew our association, I am writing to you with a very special request. I am presently trying to arrange a year's suspension of my work here in order to return to Philadelphia to continue the work on my dissertation there. If all of the arrangements can be made, I shall be back in Philadelphia on the first of June. My hope is that you might have the time and be willing to give me some unofficial guidance during this year. Perhaps this could be by way of a few discussions and/or possibly the criticizing of some draft, particularly of those portions of my thesis which will deal with phenomenological thought. This need not be structured or formal or frequent in any way. It could all be most flexible and solely at your convenience. Perhaps we could simply meet for coffee from time to time to discuss a few ideas.

At any rate, the administration here is far more inclined to grant my request to continue working in absentia if they have the assurance that I have someone there with whom I can consult if necessary. There is no one whose help I would rather have than your own. If you feel you are willing to provide such assistance, a short letter to that effect either to me or to Professor Peter Herbst, the head of the Philosophy Department here, would be most helpful in obtaining the necessary permissions for returning to Philadelphia. Professor Herbst could then refer to such a letter in presenting my request to the scholarship committee who may then grant the one year's suspension of my work here, or, in other words, could then grant a year's leave of absence from this department.

I feel somewhat embarrassed in making this request of you in light of my failure to keep in touch with you throughout my stay here. I can only deeply hope that you will see fit to be indulgent. Should the leave be granted, I shall phone you when I arrive in Philadelphia. In the meantime, I hope the ending of the academic year is going smoothly and that the summer promises to be a wonderful one. As the Australian winter has already set here, it will be marvelous to be home for summer.

I am most grateful for whatever attention you are able to give this matter, and I remain,

Sincerely,

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