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Dear Dr. Ferrater Mora:

We can't tell you how delighted we are that you will be a member of our panel for the Bryn Mawr Forum on March fifth. We now plan to start at eleven, have 2 speakers before lunch, each for about 25 minutes, then a lunch break, and at about two have the other speakers followed by the discussion and question period. It makes no difference to us when you speak; if you have a preference, let us know. The forum will be held at the Spence School, 22 East 91st Street. So far we have Mrs. Marshall as our moderator and Mrs. Millicent Carey McIntosh, the president of Barnard College, on the panel. We hope to get Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr (Although his health, as you know, is not good), and Bernard Schwarz, the shrewd lawyer, or Gilbert Clee, one of the most perceptive management consultants in the business world.

We would so much rather let you choose the aspect of "Conscience and Intellect" you want rather than suggest one, but I will venture one sentence to summarize our thoughts when choosing the title. We propose that by virtue of a trained intelligence, a person is aware of the problems in the world today, feels a responsibility to use his intelligence, but does not necessarily know how to go about it most efficiently, if at all. We also brought up these questions: If a person wishes to work out a personal philosophy, how should he be guided? Where does philosophy fit in in the struggle between the free world and the Communist nations? What effect has modern stoicism on a business man? These probably sound naive to you as a philosopher, but perhaps they represent some thoughts of people who have had preliminary training in the subject and want to know more for their present lives. But this is long-winded; again, we would rather that you develop your own point of view - with the knowledge that may be challenged by another educator, a Quaker, a lawyer, a business man, or a theologian. Don't feel that you must be constrained by anything; bring up any thoughts,



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no matter how alarming, for this produces the best discussions.

Does this help at all? Please let us know if there are any questions we have left unanswered, and we look forward to having you with us on the fifth.

Sincerely yours,

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