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Dear Colleague:

Our meetings in Princeton are a pleasant memory now. I hope you had a good summer and are having a not too strenuous semester.

You may remember my student Fred Kersten who once came over to Princeton to discuss with you his Master's thesis on Unamuno. The thesis has now been submitted in its final form under the title The Philosophy of Unamuno: Sentimientos, Being and Reality. At the time you were kind enough to indicate your readiness to have a look at the final product and by your expert judgment assist our thesis committee in forming its opinion. My two colleagues on the committee, Prof. Dorion Cairns, chairman and chief adviser, and Prof. Alfred Schuetz, both would welcome your cooperation as much as I do. Your being an authority on Unamuno is, of course, the chief reason for our wish, but it is strengthened by the subsidiary one of the broad role which the etymology and shades of meaning of Spanish words play in Mr. Kersten's ~~interpretation~~ interpretation.

Now I do not know whether you are still willing to do what in your generosity you indicated you might do half a year ago; and if so, whether this is the time you can do it: if either is not the case, please have no qualms in saying so! The time factor may indeed present the main difficulty. We have to get through with this by the middle of January, for Mr. Kersten was unfortunately late in submitting the final version, and in order that he gets his degree this term (which is important to him) we have to schedule his orals for the end of January at the latest. I can only hope, but hardly expect, that at such short notice you can fit this into your schedule. The thesis, I am sorry to say, is rather voluminous: over 200 typed pages (double-spaced). Nobody of course expects you to read the whole. I am sure you can form a valid impression from selected parts. The last (VI) Chapter, incidentally, "The Sentimiento of Anguish (Angustia)", makes repeated reference to your work. We can offer a nominal fee of \$ 30 for your pains. If, as I very much hope, your answer is positive, I shall have a copy dispatched to you without delay.

I take this opportunity to raise a different question. I shall probably be away on leave next year, and my department is looking for some outside help in making up its teaching program.