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My dear Professor Ferrater Mora:

During the past week The University of Chicago Press requested me to send along to its editorial staff a manuscript which I have prepared dealing with the variant form of existentialism created by Jose Ortega y Gasset. I was also asked to suggest the names of two or three scholars whose opinion of the manuscript I would appreciate. Well aware of your pre-eminent competence in the field of Ortegan studies, I took the liberty of submitting your name.

In case, therefore, my dear Professor, The University of Chicago Press should request your opinion, I would feel highly honored if you were to accept the invitation. Perhaps this little book, with its attempt at comparing and contrasting Ortega's thought with contemporary philosophical currents, may find a place alongside your own works and serve somewhat in explicating and fostering the contributions of the beloved Ortega to man's understanding of himself.

Cordially yours,

Leo R. Downey, Ph.D.