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Dear Dr. Ferrater Mora,

It has been suggested to us that we consider for publication an English-language translation (still to be arranged) of Julián Morías' Ortega: circunstancia y vocación. I recently had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Morias and of attending the lecture he delivered here, and was, of course, impressed by his erudition and the quality of his mind.

As I know that you are familiar with Dr. Marias' work, and - I understand - specifically with Ortega: circunstancia y vocación, I should very much appreciate some advice from you. Your remarks will be held confidential.

First of all, what do you feel is the intrinsic merit of the work? How wide an appeal could it be expected to have among students of philosophy, and among more general readers? Is Dr. Marias' style difficult? Would this particular book present many difficulties to a translator? What would you guess the probable life-expectancy of the book to be in English translation?

Dr. Marias tells me that he can secure a subvention for the translation. However, the physical production of a book 569 pages in length is in itself a major financial problem; assuming quality, we must also consider market, or try to secure a further subvention to cover some of the publication costs. We are obviously forced to approach a project of this size with some caution.

I can send you a copy of the Spanish edition of the book if you need it to refresh your memory. We shall be most grateful for any counsel you can give us.

Sincerely yours,

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