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Mr. Kenneth W. Thompson
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New York, 20, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of April 7, and for the information contained therein on the program of research grants in the field of Legal and Political Philosophy.

I have done in the past some work in the field of Political Philosophy, particularly as related to problems in the field of the Philosophy of History, and a substantial amount of my book, Man at the Crossroads, may be said to belong to these fields. I am now doing some further work of a similar character for a part of a book, The Present Situation in Philosophy, which I am preparing for publication. Since I plan to do more research work in the future along the same lines, I think that some of my projects may be considered to fall into the categories established in the statement.

For the moment, I do not think that I could make any plans which may result in a leave of absence of an entire year for the academic period 1960-1961. Since I had a sabbatical leave for a year not long ago, I feel that it would be inconvenient for my Department that I interrupt my academic functions for a long period during any of the incoming two years.

Nevertheless, I would be interested in knowing whether the program of the Foundation considers other possibilities -whether, for instance, applications for grants could be made which might imply one semester leaves -after 1959-1960-, or perhaps more limited grants for summer intensive research work in collection of materials which otherwise are unavailable, or long to get. If such were the case, I would appreciate information about these other possibilities. If, on the other hand, the program is more rigid, I would like to know whether application for a grant, in the terms specified in the statement, would still be possible after the period indicated above.

Sincerely yours

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