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Dear Professor Garver:

I am pleased to learn that you are considering the promotion of Jorge Gracia to full rank. I am far from having read all of Gracia's work, but the pieces which have come to my attention have stricken me as the work of a person with a high level of scholarship.

I wish to single out for distinction Gracia's research on medieval thought. Gracia has done pioneering work on Eixemenic (Eiximenis) and Guido Terrena (Guiu de Terrena), two fourteenth Century thinkers who deserve more attention than they have received. Gracia has even contributed to a new image of Eixemenic beyond the standard interpretation derived from the 1929-1930 edition of the 237 articles of the Terc by P. Martí de Barcelona and Norbert d'Ordal. He has rescued from oblivion a most interesting medieval contribution to social morality. I am also impressed by Gracia's translation and running commentary of Suárez's Disputatio V. This is an extremely fine work, and I look forward to its publication.

There is no doubt in my mind that Jorge Gracia is an extremely competent scholar. I recommend him unreservedly.

Very truly yours

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Professor of Philosophy  
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