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Dear José:

I am writing this letter in English for bureaucratic reasons which I am sure you understand.

When I called on the telephone you were in Madrid, but Priscilla told me that she would convey to you the substance of my message.

We would like very much for you to come in the Spring 1984 and talk to us on various subjects, namely, your new novel, your films, and your ideas about Ortega y Gasset. I realize that you may be tired of talking about Ortega at this time, but that is an unavoidable topic for us because this Department wishes to make some contribution to the general homage and thus it became the budgetary basis for asking someone like yourself, an eminent philosopher and an expert on Ortega's thought, to come and give a lecture.

On the other hand, many in this Department would like to have the opportunity to talk with you and hear your own comments, both theoretical and practical, about writing novels and making films. So my invitation actually consists of topics for several sessions: 1) formal afternoon lecture on Ortega followed by a panel discussion with local scholars on the next morning (both of these would be in English so that people from different disciplines can benefit) and 2) an informal talk on novel-writing and showing of films (this could be in either Spanish or English or both, depending on what you prefer for the occasion).

I can offer you a thousand dollar honorarium. The budgetary constraints this University of Texas Centennial year have been heavy. I assume that Priscilla has told you about my suggestion regarding lodgings and transportation. Meals will undoubtedly be taken care of by various friends and admirers.

Please let me know how you feel about this. I personally hope that you will agree and I can assure you that many people, both in and out of this Department, share my hope.

Cordially,


Miguel Gonzalez-Gerth
Acting Chairman

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