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Dear Professor Dr. Michael Wolff:

I am pleased to answer your letter of December 23, 1981 (which arrived with some delay) concerning the candidacy of Professor Dr. C. Ulises Moulines.

Indeed, as you remark, Professor Moulines has produced, in German as well as in English and Spanish, a substantial amount of work in the field of the theory of science. This work has gained him a well deserved reputation among specialists in this area. There is no doubt that Professor Moulines' careful examination of a number of wissenschafts-theoretische themes along the lines of Sneed and Steg-müller is of an extremely high-caliber.

On the other hand, I wish to point out that Professor Moulines has also carried on a substantial amount of solid and original research, mostly in Spanish, in the field of general philosophy, with special emphasis on metaphysics, ontology, and epistemology. His published writings on the vexing question of the nature and presuppositions of materialism, on phenomenism, and on the analytic-synthetic distinction, among other subjects, testify to his exceptional capacity to tackle general philosophical issues. He brings to bear not only a most welcome analytic and synthetic talent, but also a remarkable knowledge of the historical philosophical background. As a consequence, Professor Moulines is very highly regarded as an original philosopher. I certainly think that he fully deserves this reputation. If I were asked to single out the most capable young philosophers in the Spanish-speaking world --and I would add "other world," for that matter--, I would certainly include Professor Moulines among them, and I would give him easily first rank.

Professor Moulines is truly ein Philosoph, and one who is undoubtedly to contribute to the prestige of any Department of Philosophy. I recommend him fully and unreservedly for a teaching and research position in your University.

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With best wishes,

Yours truly

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