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Dear Professor Ferrater Mora:

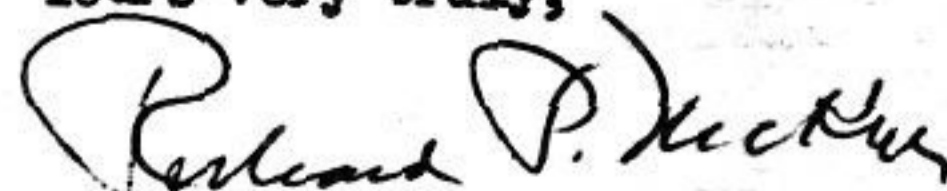
Since our conversation about the plans of the Dictionary of Fundamental Terms of Philosophy and Political Thought I have completed arrangements with the Revue Internationale de Philosophie for a second number similar to the number devoted to "Justice." You told me that you had seen the number on Justice. I hope you have had time to form an opinion of the project of which it is part. The second concept that we have chosen is "Society." I am writing to you in the name of the central committee of the Dictionary to invite you to prepare an article on "Society" with particular emphasis on the development of the concept in Spanish thought. We hope to have the number appear early in the year 1959.

According to the plans for the Dictionary, each article should cover three aspects of the concept under treatment: (1) a historical survey of the development of the concept in political thought and political history from antiquity to the point at which the modern discussion begins, (2) the characteristic development of the concept in the particular tradition, in your case, the Spanish tradition, including the use that was made of interpretations of the earlier history, and (3) a consideration of the meanings attached to the concept today, together with the theoretic and practical problems that arise from the diversity of meanings. The article should be 20 pages in length, or approximately six thousand words.

I hope very much that you will consent to undertake to write this article. The committee has funds which will permit it to pay a fee of \$80 as a modest compensation to the author.

I am in process of negotiation with authors for the articles in the other four languages, English, French, German, and Italian. If you have any suggestions concerning likely scholars to undertake this task, please let me know. I shall be happy to send you any further information that you may need concerning the project or concerning the particular problems of "Society."

Yours very truly,



Richard P. McKeon

17-IV-58.

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