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Dear Professor Ferrater-Mora,

I am writing to request a great favor of you. Would you be so kind to write a letter recommending me for a Canada Council grant to enable me to reside in Basel this summer? The letter need not be long; the Council is interested in receiving letters from persons familiar with the candidate's work.

I wrote Dr. Nahm in detail, explaining how I became involved in this. The story is too long to condense in a short paragraph, and I'm certain that a detailed explanation would bore you. If by chance you are interested, I'm certain that Dr. Nahm will supply the missing details.

You will naturally wonder why I want to return to Basel. I have two reasons, one of them scholarly, the other pragmatic. I have been conducting weekly group discussions on Existentialism. We spent four weeks studying Jaspers, and I became interested in the influence of the German Idealists and Nietzsche upon Jaspers' philosophy. I propose to examine this influence, and to inquire of Professor Jaspers what he now conceives his relation to his predecessors to be. I promised that I would publish an article if I received the grant. It will probably be a very bad paper, but it will be a step in the right direction. My second reason is pragmatic. I fear that if I don't make application for Basel that I wouldn't study anywhere in Europe! Certainly, I'd rather be in Paris, or Vienna, or Rome- but I have no good scholarly reason for being there, and not enough money to go on my own. Therefore Basel.

I am sorry that I missed you over the holidays. I was at your office twice and missed you both times. I attended the smoker at the APA convention, but departed on the midnight train. I hope to see you this summer. If you find an extra copy of your article on Wittgenstein, I certainly would appreciate having it. I have recommended it to several of my students.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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