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Dear Jose--

I frankly don't know what accreditation or the lack thereof means or entails. A student in Architecture said that, in order to receive "licensure" or "registration" or some such thing in another state, one must put in a year (or perhaps it was an "extra" year) of apprenticeship, whereas this would not be necessary in Penna., or in any state (apparently) if the School of Architecture were accredited. In addition, it may serve graduate schools and the profession as a rough guide to the level of one's undergraduate preparation; though obviously people in the field would pay more attention to what they know (or think they know) about the school than to this formal status, I should think. As a matter of fact, I'm not sure what the "validity" of the diploma would mean, if it weren't something like the above. In any event, the diploma is given by the college, as I understand it (if not indeed by the university). So I'm sure that the diploma is in every significant sense valid.

The three relevant dates with respect to the Fall term are:

Sun. 9/20 - Sat. 9/26	Orientation
Wed. 9/23 - Fri. 9/25	Registration
Mon. 9/28	Classes begin

As I understand it, they will probably expect him to be around for the orientation period. I don't know how insistent they are about this, and just what the latest is that he could arrive. But I'm sure that he'd have to be here by Tues. or Wed., the 22nd or 23rd, if not before. There's a certain amount of necessary testing that is done during the orientation period, which he could ill afford to miss.

I've tried to reach Jaime two or three times, but I've apparently done so at the wrong times. I'll try again this evening; but I don't want to delay mailing this, so I won't be able to include any messages from him.

Warmly,

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of placement, or  
exemption, or credit  
in English, foreign  
languages, sciences  
etc.