

Prof. Ferrater Mora,

I regret to inform you that my paper for the 'Philosophy of History' course will have to be turned in when the fall semester begins. If you recall, I had spoken to you concerning the fact that it would be very difficult for me to complete the paper before you left the campus for the summer. At that time you mentioned that graduate students could turn in incomplete work at the opening of the next school year. In a later conversation I said that I would try my best to finish the paper by the second week of June. I have done a considerable amount of work on it since then, but much more is needed. I have found that to deal adequately with my topic I must do far more research in Descartes' philosophy than I had anticipated.

There are a number of factors contributing to the reason why I've failed to complete the paper in the allotted time. Events, which took place last month and which were not anticipated in April, consumed almost all the time I had planned to devote to it. (I was involved in the time consuming task of moving to a new apartment during May and I also found it necessary to take advantage of an opportunity to begin a summer job in mid-May.) If asked why I didn't start the paper earlier in the semester, I'm afraid I would have to take refuge in the Fifth Amendment.

I tried to get out to the campus to speak to you personally, but my summer employment made it impossible to do that.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Benosky