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Dear Professor Ferrater-Mora:

I write to ask a favor of you. Because of the very small stipend connected with my Fulbright Grant, I applied to the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia for a supplementary grant, to cover the summer of 61, which would help pay my expenses in studying the influence of Hegel on Italian philosophers. I have good contacts there, first with M. F. Sciacca of Genoa, and now with Enzo Paci of Milan, so could hope to meet a number of philosophers and have a most fruitful summer of study otherwise impossible for financial reasons. I had arranged my references before sailing. but now find that, because of her own summer of travel, one of my sponsors lost my letter and forgot to write on my behalf. This raises an emergency, since the Committee meets in Philadelphia on Oct 1, and I am in very great need of the money. Under these conditions, I take the liberty, for which I ask your forgiveness, of requesting you to act as a sponsor for me. I very much dislike troubling anyone with such requests, but I hope you will understand why I am forced to do so. Finally, I doubt whether I could arrange for letters from my sponsors in Paris to reach the Committee in time, since they take the initial step themselves from Philadelphia.

My first week in Paris took place mostly at a conference on dialectic at Royaumont, where I became very friendly with G.R.G. Mure, John Findlay and Leslie Peck of Oxford and London, in addition to several philosophers from the continent. Invitations to visit and study have been forthcoming with an ease and generosity that I do not find matched at the American Philosophical Association. Of course, my interests are in close or complete harmony with more European thinkers than is the case in America. It promises to be an exciting and fruitful year -- perhaps two years -- if I can get the vexing question of finances straightened out.

My address in Paris is changed, as above indicated. I look forward to hearing from you whenever you have the time, and to reading whatever you have written. Once again, please forgive me for this burden of recommendation.

Gratefully, Stanley Kosen

* of 950 for July, Dug, & Sept in Italy.

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