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Department of Classics

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Dear Colleagues:

This is a rather belated but very heartfelt note of thanks for your great cooperation in responding to my recent appeal for help concerning our Linguistics Major at Hunter College. I mailed sixty communications, and received forty-one replies, nearly all of them sent with the utmost promptness - really a remarkable response. In one case the addressee's father was so kind as to write to me to explain that his son was in Asia and therefore could not reply at once.

I am sure your helpfulness was of assistance in convincing the Course of Study Committee that Linguistics is, and should be, rather different from most of the Interdepartmental Majors. I have myself proposed some improvements in the curriculum (in large part thanks to suggestions that I received from you) and in the administrative set-up. The Committee expects me to continue administering the Major in any case, but they would like more of the work carried on (under my direction) by the individual departments, whereas I prefer to work through a separate committee, representing the departments concerned but independent of them. (This is because our Language and Literature Departments unfortunately contain very few members trained in linguistics.) Settlement of the exact details has been postponed until the coming semester. But at all events the important thing is that the Course of Study Committee realizes that the Interdepartmental Major in Linguistics, as such, must certainly go on.

Thanking you again, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

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