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Prof. H. Richard Niebuhr  
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Dear Mr. Niebuhr,

I would like to gratefully acknowledge your letter of March 28th, and the Committee's recommendation that I be admitted to the doctoral study program. I have received word from Mr. Ferguson that this recommendation has been acted upon favorably. We shall plan to be in New Haven in September.

I also appreciated very much your suggestions in your letter of February 8th concerning the reading program I have set up for this spring and summer, that I give more time to the classical philosophical ethicists, and I have begun on Spinoza and Kant. This was a helpful criticism.

I have decided to use the application for a General Scholarship which you enclosed in your letter. I am applying for the Kent Fellowship. I do not expect to be awarded the Kent, but if I should it would amply supplement my funds for next year, and I would not need the tuition scholarship. Therefore, if I should receive the Kent Fellowship, I shall notify you immediately and ask that the General Scholarship application be withdrawn.

Thank you very much,

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