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Dear Dr. Mergal:

I am sorry to have delayed so long writing to you about the first chapter of your dissertation on Unamuno. I understand that you began this under Dr. David Roberts and that I am serving as a new member of your committee. I am glad to do this and will be of such help as I can. I have read the chapter which you sent. I do not have many comments on it. You certainly have the material covered. I feel some difficulty with continuity in the chapter. I wonder, for example, if the paragraph characterizing Unamuno on page 14 should not come at the very beginning. On page 31 there is some biographical data which might well come earlier. The continuity of biographical detail and thought on pages 11 and 12 is a little obscure.

It is difficult to say more before we have the entire thesis in hand. I have a few verbal suggestions to make. On page 34 the word "multitudinous" should perhaps be "tumultuous". On the same page, you should indicate against whom or what his diatribes were directed. On page 25 the word "destitution" seems to me unusual if not incorrect.

dismissed

I assume you have a copy of this chapter. I will be glad to return my copy if you desire it.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel D. Williams

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Dear Prof. Williams:

~~Gracias por sus obse~~

I am glad to learn that you are
in charge of directing my thesis on Umanismo. You are
right, this work was begun under Dr. Roberts
& by his suggestion. Cuando el Sr. Matthews
llegó en P.R. recientemente ~~se~~ hablamos
mucho estas cosas y le expliqué algunas
circunstancias que hacen la realización
de este trabajo mucho importante.
Umanismo es tal vez el nombre
mas eminente del mundo de habla española
en este siglo. Toda mi pasión como
secretario de la Comisión del Gran Canal para
el Gov. de P.R. y el interés que el
Gov. ha manifestado en mi caso, creo
que es importante de interés para el Gov.
y esta obra a realizarse bajo su
dirección. Creo además que es la
primera obra de esta índole escrita
en inglés.

En cuanto a sus observaciones
sobre cambios de destino en proposición.
En cuanto a lo demás me parece que
siendo la intención del Gov. de trazar el origen
de su pensamiento y su estructura entonces
debe ser prioritaria para la continuación de
el trabajo en el siglo siguiente.