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Dear Leonidas,

Thank you for your note of 13th inst. saying that you would like to include my portrait among those of 5 or 6 to be published in the *Revista Brasileira de Filosofia*. This is a terribly great honour to me, and I am trying to support your trouble connected with this enterprise by sending you all information that seems relevant to me. Under separate cover by second class air mail I am sending you a packet containing offprints or xeroopies of some of my writings, likewise my Curriculum Vitae and the list of my principal publications.

In this parcel, there is also a copy of an assessment of my personality by Mario Bunge, which he made a number of years ago in connection with my promotion to Readership in Sydney. There is also a sheet containing what my colleagues think of me. Perhaps both will be of some use.

My thoughts in the area of legal logic are more or less known to you. As to my thoughts in the other main area of activity: theory of justice and political philosophy in general, the latest summary representation of them is contained in my paper "Humanitarianism and Intertemporal Justice", which I submitted to the World Congress on Legal and Social Philosophy to take place in Mexico in the end of July and the beginning of August this year. My parcel contains a copy of this paper.

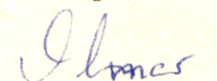
As you may know, I am widely regarded as one of the leading legal philosophers today. I myself think that my services in this area are directed to the promotion of soberness and solidity of reasoning. I emphasize the constructive qualities of legal-philosophical efforts. So I am very much reform-minded in logic, in linguistics, and in anything that requires attention by legal philosophers. Slogans for my intellectual enterprise are "all-embracing care (with, for, and about)" and "Circumspect solicitude".

My parcel contains also a copy of a manuscript on "translinguistics" - it will be published in a forthcoming volume containing the contributions to the Finnish-Austrian Symposium on Legal Theory (which took place in October last year).

If you think that a self-portrait would be helpful for your preparing the planned portrait of mine, I shall try to sketch it. But I am afraid this is a rather awkward job, because everyone tends to be too subjective about himself.

With all good wishes and cordial greetings,

Yours sincerely,


Ilmar Tammelo