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Dear Mrs. Eliot,

I have just recently received a grant from the Emory University Research Committee to examine special collections of T.S. Eliot's work at several American libraries this summer. I will be visiting the University of Texas, the Berg Collection in New York, the Houghton Library at Harvard and the American Literature Collection at Yale. I would like to request your written permission to examine Mr. Eliot's unpublished letters, manuscripts and other papers in these collections. I would not, of course, quote from or paraphrase any of this material without your further permission.

I have been researching Mr. Eliot's lesser known writings for over three years, and I have written a master's thesis and a doctoral dissertation on my findings. Currently, I have a book and several articles on Eliot in progress, and it is necessary for me to be aware of the material in these collections before attempting to publish my work. Your assistance in helping me see the unpublished work in the above libraries will be deeply appreciated. If you will send one letter to me I will present it to each of the librarians, to whom I have already written. As I need to begin travelling from Georgia to Texas as soon as possible after the first week in July, I would be grateful, at this late notice, for your early reply.

I understand that you are preparing an edition of Mr. Eliot's letters. Are you able to indicate at this time approximately when this edition will be forthcoming?

Do you know where the manuscripts of Mr. Eliot's 1926 Clark lectures are located? I have a 1927 French translation of one entitled "Deux Attitudes Mystiques: Dante et Donme," but I have been unable to locate the original or the other lectures.

I have recently obtained copies of Mr. Eliot's syllabuses for the extension courses he taught in London from 1916 to 1918. They are generously annotated and extremely useful, but I wonder if there are additional notes on these courses in his papers?

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Very respectfully yours,

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