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Dear Nancy,

Here is my Sabbatical Report for the Fall 2009 semester:

- I. Major Research Project: *Buying into Beckett: Images of Beckett in Popular Culture*
 - i. Conference Paper delivered at IASIL (International Association Studies in Irish Literature), July 24, University of Glasgow, "The Strange Case of Beckett and Detective Fiction"
 - ii. Full chapter version of the above 8,500 words
 - iii. Outlining of Introduction for *Buying into Beckett* (with Nick Pawliuk), "Saint Samuel (à) Beckett's Big Toe" (2,000 words)
 - iv. Two other contributions commissioned: Mark Wallin on "Beckett and Social Networking Sites"; Keith Haughton on "Beckett and Children's Literature"
- II. Other Related Projects
 - i. "Reincarnations of Joyce in Beckett's Fiction", for a Special Issue of *Samuel Beckett Today/Aujourd'hui*, forthcoming 2011 (5,000 words)
 - ii. Book Reviews:
 - Ulrika Maude, *Beckett, Technology and the Body* (Cambridge UP, 2009), for *James Joyce Literary Supplement*, Vol. 23, Number 2, 11
 - Andrea Oppo, *Philosophical Aesthetics and Samuel Beckett* (Peter Lang, 2008) for *Modern Drama*, forthcoming 2010 (1,000 words)
 - iii. Commissioned to write "Beckett's Critique of Kant" for a Special Issue of the *Sofia Philosophical Review: Beckett/Philosophy*, forthcoming 2011 (8,000 words)

This was indeed a very busy sabbatical semester: in addition to my major project on Beckett in Popular Culture, I received in the wake of the publication of my *Beckett's Dedalus: Dialogical Engagements with Joyce in Beckett's Fiction* (University of Toronto Press, 2009) invitations to contribute to Special Issues of journals and to review books in the particular area of my Beckett research.

Yours truly,

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