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Dear José,

First of all, felicitations on your marriage. I do remember Priscilla Cohn by name and I think I correctly identify its owner (I should say its former owner) in my mind. My recollection is that she was bright, even among the brightnesses of Bryn Mawr. I do hope to meet you both in November. I have your number and shall follow instructions you kindly provide.

Thank you for the date of LA DECOUVERTE DE DIEU and for the xerox of its avant-propos by Morot-Sir, his son-in-law (une vieille tradition française!) and also for confirmation of other dates of his books. I checked them with my edition of your DICCIONARIO (quinta ed.) of which I am the proud owner and which I use often and find most helpful. I should say it ought to count as at least half a dozen books if it comes to measuring output. You must be unique (as they say in California : very unique, even unusually unique!) to be the sole author of such a vast work, which is usually done by a committee or the like.

You would enjoy your Spanish Odysseys and your lectures there. Since we met I have been once on Spanish soil: Málaga, Granada, the Alhambra, and so forth. I had hoped to hear the Mozarabic rite when I dropped into Mass at Málaga at noon, but it was strictly post-Vatican II and but for its being in Spanish it might as well have been a Swedish or Polish Mass! Alas, that is all the Spain I have seen. (Our somewhat somnolent guide tried to palm off the Chapel Royal as the Granada Cathedral and I had to get over to him in my feeble Spanish something such as, "Aw come on!") I did better with Portugal, where we were held up for almost an hour in traffic in Lisbon, because we arrived in the middle of the Revolution, which was a remarkably polite one, so far as our experience of it went. I immensely enjoyed Portugal and also the Azores. The only other Spanish-speaking country we have visited (unless one counts Mexico) is Colombia, where we saw something of Cartagena (los viejos zapatos) and Santa Marta. I wish I could see more of Spain, which I know probably much less than any other country in Western Europe.

So Milton is still on this side, not yet reincarnated. I learned the other day that Angélica Lograsso died about a year ago. I trust she found Peter adequately orthodox.

I do look forward to seeing you and Priscilla again in late November. Betty, too, if she is with me, as is likely.

Our best to you both.

