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Dear José María

A group of Boston based institutions (Boston College, Boston University, Harvard, MIT) is planning a two day conference for Oct 16-18 1986 to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Spanish civil war. The intent is not to re-chart the events of the war but rather to articulate the ways in which the crises generated by the war shaped the politics, and culture of the decades that followed. Cooperating with the five institutions will be the John F Kennedy Library repository of the Hemingway papers and UCLA whose archive is housed at Brandeis

In a variety of sessions we hope to deal with the experience of exile for Spaniards in various parts of the world - The Soviet Union, Latin America and the U.S; and for Americans (if not "internal exile") the isolation

felt by those who had participated in the war as they tried to re-integrate into American society. In addition to papers + round tables we plan a poetry reading, films and music. Most of the sessions will be held at MIT on the Kennedy Library + guests will be housed at the Eliot Hotel on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. Bus transportation around town will be provided.

We are in the process of asking distinguished persons to present papers + participate in discussions. In addition to yourself, we hope to "catch" several among the following; Alberti, Ayda Rosa Chacal, Angel Vinas, Roman Gulern, Goytisoló, Manuel, Duran Elias Diez, Tierno and others.

We have been awarded a grant of \$25,000 of the joint Spanish-US committee for Educational + Cultural affairs and can therefore pay travel + lodging expenses for all participants. We will offer a

modest stipend + those from overseas
who will have to spend seven days
in the U.S. in order to qualify
for low air fare. Alas our funds
will not stretch to permit honoraria
for participants resident in the U.S.

We all hope very much that
you will accept our invitation + look
forward to hearing from you.

With all good wishes

Sincerely

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P.S. - The organizing committee is
Robolfo Cardona (BU)
Ellen Friedman (BC)
Marilyn Resnick (MIT)
Mrs. Luisa Osorio (U. Mass)
Claudio Gaitan (Harvard)
(and me U. Mass emerita)