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Dear José María

A group of Boston based institutions (Boston Collage, Boston University, Harvard, MIT) is planning a two day conference for Oct 16-18 1986 to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> 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 crisis generated of the war shaped the politics, and culture of the decade that followed. Cooperating with the five institutions will be the John F. Kennedy Library repository of the Hemingway papers and Alba whose archive is housed at Brandeis.

I a variety of sessions we hope to deal with the experience of the 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 table we plan to 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 paper + participate in discussions. In addition to yourself, we hope to “catch” several among the following; Alberti, Ayda, Rosa Chacal, Angel Viñas, Roman Gubern, Goytisolo, Marichal, Duran, Elías Díez, Tierno and others.

We have been awarded a grant of \$ 25000 of the joint Spanish-US committee for Educational + Cultural affairs and can therefore pay travel and lodging expenses for all participants. We will offer a modest stipend to those from overseas who will have to spend seven days in the U.S. in order to qualify for low air fares. Alas the funds will not stretch to permit honoraria for the participants residents 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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PS.- The organizing committee is:

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Ellen Friedman (B.C.)

Margery Resnik (MIT)

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(and me U.Mass emeritus)