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My dear Don CARLOS,

I confirm mine of yesterday.

This morning I have had a long talk with our Consul General Mr. HOBSON/ He is sympathetic to your idea and knows Mrs. WOEVODSKY well. This lady will return to Spain in a few weeks and he will visit her then at CAP ROIG. On his way back he will try and call at MURIMURTRA to see you. But he will write you first so that you know when to expect him.

He thinks the first thing to do is to see just what income you will have for the Trust as you cannot expect anyone to undertake such a responsibility until he sees that there are sufficient funds available. And what do you calculate the annual expenses to be? Have you any income from the sale of plants or cuttings or seeds? If so how much?

He thinks very likely the people at KEW would be willing to appoint someone to act on a Committee of 4 or 5 Trustees and perhaps Dr. Rowley & Herr JACOBSEN would also consent to act. You would probably have to appoint someone from the Gobierno of the prov. of GERONA and perhaps someone from Madrid. Regarding the legal aspect it would be necessary to consult a Spanish lawyer to ascertain the form such a Trust should take. I daresay you have a lawyer of your own but if not I could get someone here to study the matter.

Another possible solution would be to appoint the Consuls General of Grt BRITAIN, U.S.A. & any other countries you like (perhaps France & Switzerland) and they to have full powers to appoint a Committee of, say, 5 to administer the whole thing. That is how the ENFERMERIA Evangélica is done. The Committee could chose a Director of the whole gardens who of course would have to receive an adequate salary, and a Treasurer for the funds &c. If there are people from England & other countries on the Committee once a year one or 2 of them would have to come out & visit the Garden to see it is going on all right.

Do you know in MADRID the MUSEO DEL CONDE DE SAN JUAN DE VALENCIA? The Conde was the exminister OSMA who had the finest collection in the world of Spanish Ceramica and when he died without children he left his house and all his treasures to a Fundacion the President of which is the DUQUE DE ALBA & among the Trustees are Mr. HUNTINGDON of the IBERIC socy. of New York, someone from Oxford, another from The Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, I think someone from the Louvre and one from Berlin, possibly also someone from the British Museum. I daresay if you care to write to the MUSEO DEL CONDE DE SAN JUAN DE VALENCIA in the Calle de Fortuny in Madrid they would give you details of how he arranged it. +  
+ The director of the Museum is Sr. Gomez Moreno  
Anyway the first thing is to know what funds there will be & secondly what would be the legal position.

When I hear from you about that I will see Mr. HOBSON again.

He thinks that Mrs. WOEVODSKY can help you more than anyone else because she already knows the people at Kew and has an interest for such things. With kind regards,

Your sincere friend

