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Dear Professor Vicens,

Thank you very much for your letter of 7 May. Please excuse my answering it in English. It takes very much longer to write in Spanish and, since I am just about to leave for a three months visit to America, I am rather pressed for time. It was a pity you could not come to Paris. We had a very interesting conference, and you will get the official report in due course.

I am sorry about the misunderstanding about your membership. Since I am myself only a fairly recent member, I did not know about this, and it must have slipped Miss Cam's mind. In any case, I am very glad that you are a member. Of course, I understand that you are now fully occupied with the editorship of *Estudios de Historia Moderna* and the *Indice*. If I may say so, I find both very interesting and useful.

I have now written to Don José Ma. Font Rius to invite him to become a member. I had already written to both Professor Rubió Lois and to Professor Maravall, but neither of them has answered so far.

About your kind inquiries about my present work. Just at the moment I am writing three chapters for the new edition

of the Cambridge Modern History, vol III, 1559-1610. They are the chapters on Spain, Italy and western Europe. Most of this will, of course, be a matter of synthesis, but I hope I will be able to indicate at least some of the problems which have perhaps not yet been sufficiently considered in my opinion. Some time ago Professor Rees, head of the Spanish Department at Manchester, promised to get me Felip II de (y?) Catalunya; I did not know about the other book by Regl Els Virreis de Catalunya, but I shall ask the Spanish Department to get that also. If you know of any other recent and important work on the reign of Philip II which would be useful for my chapter, I would be very grateful, if you could let me know about it. I have just finished a chapter on the Empire of Charles V in Europe, for vol. II of the C.Mo.H. Much of the Spanish part of this chapter was, of course, based on Carande. When I have finished this work for the C.Mo.H. I shall return to my research on the States General of the Netherlands in the 15th and 16th centuries.

The next meeting of the International Commission will be in Brussels in the second week of September, 1958. I hope you will be able to come to that and that I may meet you personally. Or will you come to England some time? My friend Brian Tate told me, some time ago, that you might. I hope he was right.

Yours very sincerely
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