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Dr. Jaime Vicens-Vives Santalo 130 Barcelona, Spain

Dear Dr. Vicens-Vives:

On November 4-6, 1958, there will be held at the University of Texas a Second International Congress of Historians of the United States and Mexico. This meeting will be jointly sponsored by the University of Texas, the University of Mexico, the American Historical Association, and the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia of Mexico.

One of the sessions of this conference will deal with "The Medieval Iberian Frontier, 800-1500 A. D." and we are hoping to have scholars such as Claudio Sanchez-Albornoz of Argentina, Philippe Wolff from the University of Toulouse, Charles J. Bishko from the University of Virginia and perhaps others from Belgium and Spain present to deal with this topic. We are hoping that you would be willing to enrich our conference as a commentator on papers dealing with the topic mentioned to be delivered by Dr. Sanchez-Albornoz and Dr. Charles J. Bishko.

Naturally, we understand that arrangements must be made in this case to handle your expenses between Spain and Texas and during the Conference, but before we can do so we would like to know whether or not you would be able to honor us with your presence. Nothing would please my colleagues in History in America and Mexico more than the thought of your being here and we hope that it can be arranged.

I still remember with pleasure your kindness to me last year when I made use of the resources of your Seminar at Barcelona for my research in the early history of Catalonia and I hope that your visit here will allow us in distant Texas to return in part your generous hospitality.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the near future, I am

Sincerely,

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