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My dear Vicens,

I hope you will forgive me if for the sake of secretarial convenience I write to you in English.

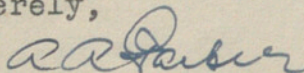
Following on our conversation about the projected International Congress of Hispanists I am sending you the particulars you requested. I enclose a draft copy of the letter that will be sent out very shortly to a selected number of Hispanists abroad including Spain. I hope this letter is self-explanatory, but if there is any point in it that does not seem to you to be clear please let me know. I am also sending you a copy of the Constitution of our Association of Hispanists, which I am afraid will not give you very much information. To this I may add the following particulars: our membership is about 90, comprising nearly all the teachers of Spanish, Portuguese and Catalan in the universities of Great Britain and Ireland; we hold a conference annually to discuss matters of professional interest and at these conferences papers are read on linguistic, literary and historical subjects, which are followed by discussions; there are sub-sections for both Portuguese and Catalan. I am President of this Association until March of next year.

I was delighted that you expressed so much interest in this project and I shall be most grateful for anything that you can do to prepare the ground for it in Spain and for any information you can give us about how the idea will be received in official quarters. I think I shall decide not to send the letter to Spain (except to a few personal friends) until I have had a report from you.

I am so glad that your very hurried visit to England did allow enough time for me to meet you and your wife. Our evening together was not only very pleasant to me but also very profitable, and I look forward very much to our next meeting.

With very best wishes to your wife and yourself,

Yours very sincerely,



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Enclosures