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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Vicens,

Peter has been away from us now two weeks, and we miss him very much. However, we are very glad that he is on his way home to you, as we know how much you also have missed him. We have been more than delighted and happy to have had him with us--he is a very fine boy, and comported himself with great life, dignity and maturity. I am somewhat afraid that the American high school did not present much of challenge to him, intellectually, except in becoming very familiar with the English language. He did have some special mathematics, and was fortunate enough to have had some lectures from some of our most inspiring scientists and engineers. Peter was very popular with all the boys and girls in school here, from the very small ones to those his own age and older. They will long remember how friendly he was, and how eager to tell them all about his beloved Catalonia.

He is bringing you many photographs and many impressions of this wide country we call the United States. I am sure he will keep you up far into the nights telling all about some of our "barbaric" customs, and some of our beloved but taken-for-granted freedoms. Peter could always get what we call a rise out of American women or girls by comparing customs and positions with the women and girls of Spain, and this he loved to do, all in pleasant spirit and good debate.

In our own house we had many good debates on history, religion, philosophy, education, customs and many other topics. Our son Alan is also a good student, and I think he and Peter were in friendly competition to see who could do the best at School. They also had some rivalry over young ladies, which was amusing to watch, if it were not so serious when one is eighteen years old!

I was quite amazed and delighted at your very lovely gift of the cloisonne type bowl, and sometime I would like to know a little more about the men who made it and their process. It is a very beautiful thing, and has a place of high honor in our living room. All our friends have admired it, and when I tell them that it is indeed unique, they are more impressed. Thank you very much for your generous gift, as well as for all the other nice things you both sent to us during the year. We have much to remember the Vicens by, not the least of which are the many fine letters you have written.

It is our hope that we may be able to see you both during your trip to the United States this fall. Peter was not able to tell us very much about your trip, except that you were to lecture at the Library of Congress and at the University of Texas. I wrote yesterday to Dr. Lewis Hanke and asked him if he knew about your schedule and your plans. We would like very much to have you lecture here at China Lake, and the Political Science Departments of the University of California at both the Los Angeles and the Berkeley locations would also like you to speak. Our scientists here have become quite interested in economics, as it applies to war and peace, and I know they would be very interested in

the economy of Europe and of Spain. Elizabeth and I would love to have you both stay with us as our guests as long as you could.

I told Dr. Hanke what the honorarium would be for the various lectures, and I expect that he will write to me soon, and tell me what he does know, or could help you plan. As I am sure you know, travel in the United States is expensive, and we would like to do all that is possible to extend your trip.

Peter's itinerary says that he is in Atlanta, Georgia, today, and I expect that the weather will be very humid. Our temperature here today was about the same as when Peter came last summer, namely 42° Centigrade, but the humidity would be less than 20%, which makes it bearable, though very hot in the sun.

Again, let me say how pleasant and profitable this year of friendship has been with all the Vicens family, and let us hope that we will be able to see you both in person next fall.....

With warmest personal regards,

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