

Dear Friends, the Vicens,

We were very happy indeed to get your letter, and so pleased that you found Peter in good health, mind and spirit. We enjoyed him all the year long, and found out much about you, and Catalonia during the many fine talks and discussions we had with Peter.

It is very wonderful news to know that you are coming to the United States, and coming to China Lake after your important speeches in Washington and Houston. I wrote to Dr. Hanke (who was teaching at Columbia University, New York, for the summer) and his office referred my letter to Prof. A. R. Lewis, who is the Secretary General of the II International Congress of the Historians of Mexico and the United States. I expect that I will have an answer from him soon, but all I really wanted to know from him was the schedule, and I think, both from your letter and also from the dates of the Congress, which are from the 3rd to the 6th of November, that we can pretty well judge when you might be coming.

There were two reasons why I had made some very tentative arrangements for you to lecture here in California; first, because I knew that people here would be interested in what you had to say concerning the history and economy of Europe, and secondly--to help pay some of your travel expenses (Which are quite heavy here in the United States) However, if you do not feel comfortable speaking in English, and the travel expenses are not a problem, I am sure that you and Mrs Vicens will enjoy your travel more if you do not have any speeches to make.

Here at China Lake there is a considerable interest in Spain and the Spanish language. We have a number of employees who are of Mexican parentage and a few Spanish. Some of our top management people also know a little Spanish, and it might be fun to get some of them together to meet you in a very informal atmosphere, where the main language could be Spanish. I am afraid it would be most difficult to find anyone here who really knows Catalanian!

We were very pleased to learn that you are one of two representatives of Spain to honor Charles V. We hope it is a satisfactory and worthwhile celebration.

I have heard from the Photographic Shop that the film you need has finally been shipped to Peter's AFS address in New York. I hope that the AFS send it on to you, and that it is received by you in good time and in fine condition.

We are looking forward with great anticipation and pleasure to the honor and privilege of your visit. I may also say that a great many of Peter's good friends, both students and their parents, are also looking forward to your visit with eagerness.

Please tell Peter we enjoy his letters, wish him all success with his examinations, and that we miss him very much, but are happy that he is again at home with you. I hope that he is reflecting what he has learned, and what he thinks about the U. S. I am sure that it will not all be complimentary, but if it is honest and thoughtful, this is as it should be....

Sincerest good wishes and affection to you both,

