Dear Joe,

Professor Roni-Fournel just called to let me know that our proposal had been approved. Very good news, indeed. He asked me to arrange informally with you a date convenient for everyone concerned so that an invitation to you could then be made officially for a definite date.

As I understand, his department calendar is open for the spring. The only suggestion he made was that your main lecture which would be open to the public be on either a Monday or Tuesday afternoon. We agreed that sometime between mid-March and mid-April would be optimal. A later time would be too near exams.
The last week in January or anytime in February is possible as far as I know, but the weather is unpredictable and the culdesacs really need to be last. Our Spring vacation is from the 7th to 15th of March, as the first week of March is possible also, but not as desirable. (Iredell Jenkins)

My department chairman is out of town, but will be back on Monday. I will check with him and other members of our department team. In the meantime, if you could let me know what dates are possible for you, perhaps we can have everything settled soon.

We were given, as we had requested, $410 for your airplane ticket and housing. The booking procedures here are a mystery to me. You can either fly...
Atlanta and from there to Columbus by Southern Railway or Lamar, directly from Philadelphia to Birmingham where I or someone else could meet you. It is an hour by boat drive to Birmingham but the traffic is relatively light and the trip is not much trouble at all.

I have been recently appointed advisor to the Philosophy Club which is just forming. We have a larger number of majors than we had - over 20 junior and senior and about the same number of seniors. This will be the first year we will be awarding the Martin H. Maria Tenfor Preje to an outstanding student in philosophy so this year will be really topped off by your visit.
Have you thought of what you might like to speak on? Try to think of some way to include the interests of the Spanish people, whatever they are. Perhaps, your being a Spanish philosopher is enough, but since they have been very good about making arrangements, I don't want them to think they were left out.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With warmest regards,

Cote

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