

March 23, 1979

Dear Sr. Carbajal,

After our meeting yesterday, I write to put on our respective records the points which we covered in our conversation about arrangements for the Anglo-Catalan Society's meeting at your Institute on November 10th.

Our programme will be basically as outlined in my letter to you of Feb. 21st, with the cocktails which you so generously offer us being taken around 7 p.m. to bring the meeting to a close. I have been in touch with the caterer, Mrs Cockerell, and she has agreed to advise us on the arrangements for our annual lunch: if she favours a buffet service we shall obviously be guided by her. Mrs Cockerell will contact Mrs Spink in the next week or so and make an appointment to visit the Institute. We shall then be in touch again.

Dr and Mrs Walker will be glad to accept your offer to use the guest accommodation at the Institute on the night of November 9th, enabling them to coordinate arrangements on the morning of the 10th.

As was mentioned yesterday, it is difficult at this stage to make concrete plans for the publication of our conference proceedings, especially because of the Forum character that this year's meeting will have. Obviously, though, we shall bear very much in mind the kind offer of possible financial support for such a venture, and this is something that we could perhaps discuss with your successor either at the meeting itself or subsequently.

I think that covers all the main items which we agreed. I shall of course keep you informed of the progress of our organization. May I take this opportunity to thank you again for the most friendly and helpful reception you gave to Dr Walker and myself: your collaboration has helped greatly to lighten and even to make pleasurable a usually thankless job.

I very much regret that my commitments on April 4th are less flexible than I imagined and that they will prevent me from attending your party on the 3rd. Please accept my good wishes for happiness and success in your new posting. If circumstances permit we should be delighted to welcome you as our guest at the Anglo-Catalan meeting. As we said yesterday, the meeting will be open to any interested people from the Institute or the Embassy. Please stress this point, if the occasion arises, to your successor.

With renewed thanks and good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Alan Bates