

Dear Joan, The A-C's committee met today in a pool and the main item on the agenda was the question of using the subsidy of some £360 we have received from ~~us~~ towards a publication. (The ~~money~~ ^{grant} was originally requested for the Vt Cat number but, for a series of complicated reasons, didn't come through in time) The idea now is to use the money to extend that Vt initiative, and today we took the ~~first~~ steps. We have set up an editorial sub-committee - Thomas, DB, GW and me - and it was unanimously agreed that we should ask you to join us so that we should benefit from your experience and expertise we all very much hope that you will feel able to join help.

The ~~points~~ ~~that~~ ~~we~~ ~~discussed~~ and reached ~~some~~ ~~measure~~ ~~of~~ ~~agreement~~ over the outlines of the scheme including ~~some~~ ~~points~~ ~~which~~ ~~must~~ ~~remain~~ ~~at~~ ~~present~~ ~~as~~ unknown factors. The idea is to produce a ~~serious~~ ~~work~~ ~~of~~ ~~reference~~ ~~on~~ ~~Catalonia~~ ~~in~~ ~~Europe~~ with commissioned essays covering Cat history and (probably less comprehensively) lit, art, arch and music. ~~The~~ ~~idea~~ ~~we~~ ~~feel~~ ~~there~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~real~~ ~~need~~ ~~for~~ ~~such~~ ~~a~~ ~~volume~~ ~~which~~ ~~would~~ ~~fill~~ ~~a~~ ~~gap~~ ~~in~~ ~~our~~ ~~knowledge~~ ~~of~~ ~~Catalonia~~ ~~and~~ ~~Spain~~ ~~and~~ ~~what~~ ~~Vt's~~ ~~recent~~ ~~book~~ ~~signally~~ ~~failed~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~ ~~and~~ ~~fill~~ ~~the~~ ~~gap~~ ~~between~~ ~~its~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~recent~~ ~~books~~ ~~on~~ ~~Catalonia~~ ~~and~~ ~~Spain~~ ~~which~~ ~~follow~~ ~~the~~ ~~guidelines~~ ~~of~~ ~~Spain~~ ~~Along~~ ~~since~~ ~~Peos~~ ~~Cat~~ ~~Suplex~~ ~~is~~ ~~now~~ ~~clearly~~ ~~inadequate~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~stand~~ ~~ard~~ ~~history~~ ~~in~~ ~~English~~ ~~and~~ ~~properly~~ ~~concerned~~ ~~and~~ ~~put~~ ~~forward~~, ~~we~~ ~~think~~ ~~that~~ ~~this~~ ~~sort~~ ~~of~~ ~~book~~ ~~could~~ ~~be~~ ~~well~~ ~~received~~ ~~and~~ ~~appeal~~ ~~to~~ ~~a~~ ~~commercial~~ ~~publisher~~ ~~on~~ ~~a~~ ~~non~~ ~~commercial~~ ~~basis~~, ~~if~~ ~~we~~ ~~were~~ ~~to~~ ~~stress~~ ~~the~~ ~~importance~~ ~~of~~ ~~Catalonia~~ ~~as~~ ~~a~~ ~~model~~ ~~"minority~~ ~~nation~~ ~~+~~ ~~culture"~~ ~~relevant~~ ~~to~~ ~~many~~ ~~such~~ ~~as~~ ~~are~~ ~~increasingly~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~news~~. Obviously your guidance on this matter of "viability" will be invaluable and the question of whether it might be published by Dolphin was obviously raised, but ~~this~~ ^{now} is not the time to propose this to you. For indeed there are considerations which might make possible alternatives preferable -

This letter is becoming interminable and I fear, unintelligible

so I'll conclude with 2 final points

1) The vt is to be presented as a homage to ^{the Society's} J. M. B. & R. a gesture which we all feel ~~would~~ ^{is} be appropriate ~~for~~ ^(if not involving) ~~you~~ ^{you}