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Dear Dr George,

I am putting together a guide book of Catalonia for Insight Guides. This series, which began life in the Far East, is now extending into Europe and they currently have around 110 titles. Last year they published their first book on Spain, where they are distributed by El Pais, and now five more on different parts of Spain are underway, including one on Barcelona city as well as this one on the whole of Catalonia.

The books are well illustrated with commissioned colour photography, and they run to around 70,000 words. I think there is a good team of writers lining up. The history is being shared out by Jan Read and Alastair Boyd, who is also writing a chapter on Romanesque architecture. A chapter on artists will be by a good Irish writer and Catalan speaker, Colm Tobin. I had hoped Alan Yates would write the chapter on the Catalan language, but unfortunately he is too busy, and this is now being done by Tony Strubell, who has just completed a film script and small book on Verdaguer.

The reason I am writing is, first, because I thought it may be of interest to you that such a project is underway, and second, because I would like to mention the Anglo-Catalan Society and its activities in an appendix of useful addresses at the back of the book.

I would be very grateful if you could therefore send me whatever details you think would interest a reader. Also, if there are similar Societies worldwide, I should be interested in hearing about them, as the book will be translated into other languages, including Spanish, and is likely to be distributed in America.

Yours sincerely,

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