



BRITISH EMBASSY,
MADRID.

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January 7, 1965.

Sir,

I am directed by Her Majesty's Ambassador to acknowledge receipt of the letter dated November 10 signed by yourself and other British Hispanists about the closing of the Library of the Institute of Catalan Studies in Barcelona. Your letter was not received at the Embassy until December 28.

2. Sir George Labouchere asks me to say that as this is a matter which falls within the domestic jurisdiction of the Spanish authorities, intervention by a foreign embassy would be out of order and, since it would be much resented, likely to be counterproductive. It would seem more appropriate for you and your colleagues to bring your views to the attention of the Spanish Government by addressing a similar letter to the Spanish Ambassador in London.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(H.A. Dudgeon)
First Secretary.

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