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Dr. Alan Yates,
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Dear Alan,

Herewith a brief abstract of my proposed paper. I am still waiting for material to complete it!

Title: Don Juan Manuel and Don Juan of Aragon,
Archbishop of Toledo: or Can you trust your
brother-in-law?

One of the significant factors affecting Don Juan Manuel's outlook on life was his ambiguous relationship with the Crown of Aragon. Nowhere is this more clearly manifest than in his dealings with Don Juan of Aragon, his brother-in-law and son of James II of Aragon. Their mutual contacts lasted over a decade (1320-1330 approximately) and ranged from violent hatred to deep respect. The present paper looks at this relationship and tries to assess its effects on Don Juan Manuel's first literary efforts.

Hope this is satisfactory. Off to Calpe on 16th September until the end of the month. Hope you had a good time in Palma. By the way, please do not put me on on Saturday night: I have a long standing engagement at the theatre.

Yours ever,

R.B.T.
Brian