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Dear Sr. Carbajal,

Many thanks for your letter of February 7th. My delay in replying to you, for which I apologise, has been due to the fact that I have been consulting with colleagues on the committee of the Anglo-Catalan Society about arrangements for our forthcoming conference.

Naturally we are all very happy with the prospect of meeting in the Instituto de España on November 10th, and I would repeat how grateful we are for your kind invitation. It would be ideal if we could begin proceedings by holding our traditional annual lunch in the Institute (would 12.30 p.m. for 1 o'clock be convenient?) and I am contacting the catering firm which you mention. Your generous offer to contribute to the cost of the meal and to provide some wine is most welcome and I am sure will be greatly appreciated by our members. I shall keep you informed of my discussions with Chef-in-a-box and hope to be able to talk with you about arrangements in detail when I visit London soon after the end of term, probably during the week beginning March 19th.

The outline of our programme, as it looks at present, is as follows:

	12.30 for 1.00 p.m.	Lunch
	2.30 - 4.00 p.m.	Annual General Meeting
4.00 Tea.	4.30 p.m. to close	Papers and discussion on current social, educational and cultural developments in Catalonia.
7.00.		

The proceedings, as you will see, will be fairly compressed and this leads me to enquire if the cocktails which you so kindly offer us could be given slightly later, say at about 7 o'clock, when the formal programme is over. I am sure that members will particularly appreciate this kind of refreshment at this point, before departing to their hotels or transport, and I wonder if this timing would suit you? If so, I could perhaps arrange with the caterers for a simple cup of tea or further coffee to be provided around 4 o'clock, to fit in with our planned sessions.

I should be grateful for your comments on our proposed programme. Meanwhile I shall keep you up to date with developments at my end prior to our meeting which I hope we can arrange for mid March.

With renewed thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Alan Yates