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Dear Max,

Anglo-Catalan Society 1981 Conference

I've had time to give some thought to the matter of my attendance at the meeting on 14 November, and I have regretfully decided that I had better not make the trip.

The situation is that within a month of that date my wife is scheduled to bear our second child. She had the first one six weeks early, while I was marooned in Bristol at the Hispanists' jamboree, and I would not like something similar to happen again. I don't think she would like it much either!

So there you are. With real regret I must apologise for my future absence, to you, the other officers, and the Society. If there's anything the Club wants me particularly to do between now and the Conference I'll do it.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

Paul.