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Dear Prof.,

Thank you for the letter and the enclosures.

I'm glad that Sloman thinks that a proposal for a Catalan section is justified. I quite agree that even if the matter is referred by the constituent meeting to the first meeting of the Conference proper there is still no reason why we shouldn't go ahead now; rather do I think it essential that we should make a move now, otherwise we may be put off until 1957!

Thank you for the return of the abstract of the minutes for Brown and other interested non-members, and the amendment therein - I am afraid I am not always the soul of tact, and the amendment seems to me to be very necessary. I shall see that it is sent out to the right people forthwith.

As regards the proposal to be submitted to the constituent meeting, and the suggestion that I should do it, I can see no objection to either; I shall be glad to do it, using the form of the proposal you have sent. My own was very non-committal, purposely so, because I did not want anyone to be able to say that we had arranged everything for them and presented them with a fait accompli - a thing which would surely not please Brown. However, I see that your proposal, though detailed, can hardly be the cause of any objections on anyone's part; I think it will have the effect of saving time by meeting many possible objections before they are raised. With my own form it would have been up to the other catalanists to fill in the details and to meet the objections as they were raised. So I feel it best to accept your form of proposal as it stands.

Now about my putting it forward in Dundee there is one difficulty; it is that I have not been invited to go there. I suggested to Geof (my boss) that he might send to Gifford a copy of the proposal with the request that I be invited to attend the constituent meeting in order to lay it before the assembly. Have you any objection to this course being followed? Could you drop me a line, a card would do, saying

quite simply "go ahead", or presenting some other alternative move. I believe Gifford wants the proposals in by the first day of next month; if my boss sends the thing in by the end of next week, with the request that I be invited (as the secretary of the Anglo-Catalan Society and a lecturer in Spanish) to the constituent meeting of the A.B.H. I think things would be well set.

The Boss tells me that the University might not after all be the most suitable place for the first meeting of the A.B.H., since they seem to charge rather a high price for the week-end, and not all of the delegates will have their expenses paid by their parent universities, if any. I expect he will lay the facts before the Dundee meeting.

Yes, I heard from the Librarian; he sent me a charming letter, and I have replied to it today - as well as to some 14 others! I shall pass on your good wishes to Cabañas when I see him - we don't seem to have coincided lately; the Boss already has them and reciprocates.

With best wishes to you, the family, and the lads,

Yours,