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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your two letters, or rather letter and suggested abstract.

Sloman has replied to me. He agrees that a proposal for a Catalan section is justified although he thinks that the matter may be referred by the first Conference to its subsequent meeting. Even if this happens I see no reason why we shouldn't go ahead now, since we may get the idea accepted in principle and may even get it accepted at once. Sloman himself may not be able to attend since an addition in his family is expected for about the time of the Conference. Lamb also will probably not be there.

I like your suggested proposal and, with a small change, approve of the draft of our minutes for Brown. Meanwhile, I am enclosing for your perusal and criticism a draft proposal of my own. I feel something slightly fuller than what you suggest might be better. Let me know what you think. In the circumstances, it seems to me that the Catalan proposal should come from you, since it looks as if I shall have to father the Portuguese one, as Lamb will not be there. Would you be prepared to do this? We shall of course speak in support of you. Gifford wants proposals for his agenda from departments *not* necessarily from heads as such. There is, therefore, nothing against you as secretary in putting it forward and having it backed up by Ribbans, Llubera, myself and others at the meeting. I shall write out something similar on Portuguese for Gifford and let him have it by the end of this month.

If you do not think my preamble is necessary, do by all means say so. We might reach a compromise statement on our two proposals as they stand.

I am glad to hear the news that there will be accommodation for the second Conference at Nottingham, which should be a very popular place for most of us. My own knowledge of your campus makes me all in favour of it!

Our Librarian is writing to you to say that if you want to consult anything from our library in the future, you will not

need to come up here but can have it sent to you. He is a good old sod if caught in the right mood! We were very glad to see you and enjoyed your visit very much. We all reciprocate good wishes.

Kindly give my best to Geoffrey (his missus) and Cabafias,

As ever, yours,

Francis

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*On any standing committee of the Conference
by one member who might act as the
secretary for that subsection.*

Per session

<i>1 Catalan</i>	} if offered.
<i>1 Portuguese</i>	
<i>2 Spanish</i>	<u>at least</u>