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Tuesday, 22nd March, 1955.

Dear Russell-Gebbett,

Just a brief letter, in some haste, to confirm and amplify the contents of a telegram which may, I trust, have reached you by now. I seem to have spent most of the weekend trying to get onto you -- no-one here knew the address of the Scottish conference; when I rang St Andrews, the University denied all knowledge of its existence; a call to Livermore simply produced "The Burn, Dundee", but telegrams were twice returned by Dundee G.P.O. as insufficiently addressed (& Dundee had themselves tried ringing both Edinburgh & St Andrews Universities, in order to enquire). Nor has Batista been accessible, despite at least six attempts by Gili... So when the wire came back to me again this morning, I re-addressed it c/o Gifford, in the hopes that Hazel would 'phone' it through to you... So if you've only met with stony silence, this isn't our fault!

V Dates : Saturday 16th-Sunday 17th quite feasible - but people ought definitely to be here by the Friday night, if we are to fit the papers in. Accommodation : 1 South Parks Road [Tel. Oxford 574761] -- which is a St Anne's College hostel -- can take 11 in separate bedrooms, or 13, if four people can be found willing to share rooms (NB : accommodation is hard to find in the Easter Vac, which is the most popular time of the year for conferences here). Charge : Friday dinner to

Sunday breakfast, all meals inclusive, 37/6 ; or from lunch on Saturday to Sunday breakfast, £1. Final luncheon : at the Roebuck, in Market Street, not more than 8/- a head (for a three-course meal, exclusive of drinks), on the Sunday. Meetings : in New College, most probably in the Conduit Room.

Yes, I'm willing to produce a Lullian paper for you -- with a dry & obscure title : "Some aspects of Lullian terminology, with special reference to the 'correlatives'". It will, I hope, have slightly wider implications than the title might suggest -- but I'm playing safe in the title ! I'm looking forward to your own paper - I know little of Catalan dialectology, bar Mallorquin.

Gili's last letter from Patista suggested that there might be many more people coming to the luncheon than will actually be attending the conference. Can you let me have an estimate of the numbers involved as soon as possible, in both cases ? It seems to me that there are a number of people here who should be invited to attend the papers (and/or the luncheon, at their own expense), without being obliged to join the society. This could do no harm, & might do good. If the Committee agrees, Gili & I could let you have a list of people to be asked.

I hope the Scottish venture went well, and was enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you here in April.

All the best,

Yours sincerely,

Robert Ringuet