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Dear Paul,

I've just seen Batista in the BM:  
(he's just back from Paris, where he  
has been founding a Franco - Catalan  
Society). I told him insistently not to  
organise anything off his own bat,  
and to write to you if he had any  
ideas. He told me that Hibbert has  
offered a paper, ~~and~~ that he told you  
about it  
Some time ago, and suggested that  
Pevsner might give a public lecture  
on, say, the Friday evening, but that  
you frowned on the idea. My view  
is that if Pevsner will give a lecture  
(his lecture, it will be) on Gandhi,  
with slides, without a fee, it might  
be worth considering; but I'm very

doubtful if he would. We could run  
to his fare from London + hotel. Term  
will still be on (won't it?) + it  
might be an idea to make a bit of  
a splash outside the Society. On the  
other hand, Poinc-Mill has offered (to  
Frank Z., but I expect you've heard)  
an illustrated evening lecture on Ramon  
Lull. Any how, I've effectively <sup>(I HOPE!)</sup> taken  
the thing out of Batista's hands by saying  
I'd write to you + you could ask  
Pevsner officially if you think it  
suitable. Pevsner won some prize in  
Barcelona for his essay on Gaudi, so he  
might even be flattered. He is now part-  
time lecturer + head of Dept. at Birbeck  
College, London W.C.1. — but call him  
Professor!

I found writing for me at home a  
postcard from Brian Tate asking for a quick  
reply to his offer of a paper. How many  
papers do we want, by the way? B.R.  
suggested four for Friday, but tho' they're  
only 20 mins. each I think three (2 noon)  
(1 afternoon) ample. Otherwise there will



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be no time for drinking, etc. If I can help in drawing up the agenda, here you have me (as continental say) in London (88 Normanshire Drive, Chifford E4) til the 20<sup>th</sup>. How and where can we have a party?

B.'s ideas about accommodation are of the harshest. Apparently, he or someone else has booked a few rooms in colleges — guest rooms, (some still being in — and a few in hotels (at much higher rates). Who is going into what, + how many are needed — well, you know as well as I do. We urgently need a preliminary circular to see how many others are coming.

More work, Paul my boy!

I realise that my offer of a résumé of my paper (if wanted) was useless. Tejus has fugged-it more than I reckoned. I'll see if I can get it off within a few days, when I've heard from you.

I have also seen Muryé, who thinks the A.C.S. should make a protest about the suppression of the Catalan Set Programme. So do I.

But of this more anon. He will be at the Conference & SocSthorals.

B. knows of no-one protesting coming to the SocS. Some French people told him vaguely they might come — that's all.

And that's all from me.

Adieu

Geoff.