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Estimat Alan:

You'll probably know by the press the mess that followed the Jocs Florals and the huge fines to the Jury. I've just returned from Barcelona and they all seem convinced that the pressure of international opinion, specially academic opinion in this case, will help a great deal and may even lead to the supression of the fines. A letter from Solomon was enough to return the passport to Castellet but the others have not been so lucky as they were not invited to an international colloquium.

With Castellet and Triadú we thought that a letter to The Times from British academics on the case would be good, even a slightly satirical letter wondering how in this day and age Jocs Florals can be so heavily punished. I wrote to Terry as he seems the ideal person to start the signatures but you can be of enormous help as secretary of the Anglo-Catalan Society. Once the letter is written we need signatures and you could indicate which persons can be approached. It was also suggested in Barcelona, and this can be done immediately and personally, that individuals should write to the Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores complaining about the case and the supression of a national culture. It seems that López Bravo is susceptible to this kind of pressures and scared of the gorila faction that makes his pretense of technological government a bit too obvious.

Please let me know what happens, I am sending you some documents, if you could reproduce them and let me have them back I would be grateful. My extension at U.C. is 618 and my private phone number 01-735 9512.

Keep well. My love to Frank, I am sure he'll sign,

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