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Friday morning, 1st April.

Dear Russell-Gebbett,

✓ Many thanks for your latest letters -- the brief one of the 30th, & yesterday's bigcoloured screed (poor man, you aren't half being kept busy over this conference !).

✓ No, I don't mind at all, about my paper being 'eliminated' -- provided I may claim the final session on next year's programme. You shouldn't have worried about breaking it to me so gently. As it happens, I'm neither 'put out' nor 'relieved'.

✓ Concerning the Gilis' party, Joan would be grateful if you could put it on the programme so that none of those who will be here by the Friday night should miss it : "Informal sherry-party, given by Mr & Mrs Joan Gili at 14 Fyfield Road, 9 p.m."

✓ I'm going to ask Miss Fairbairn if they can put up an extra bed in one of the rooms at Musgrave House, so that you & Ribbans can double up, as you suggested. It would be very nice to have everyone in the same building.

✓ Enclosed from Trueta : as you'll see, several 'declines' which won't need further information, but also - apparently - four further invitations issued, though no addresses given. Trueta is, I believe, on 'the Committee'.

✓ Concerning payment : I should think delegates should pay Miss Fairbairn individually for their accommodation, but should send or give (a) subscriptions & (b) the 8/- for the luncheon to the Treasurer, who could pay the Roebuck bill. People had better let me know when they will be arriving, & could you ask them to do so several days in advance ? I'd also like to know a few days beforehand what you decide about the time for (a) tea & (b) supper at the hostel.

✓ Excuse such a hasty letter, & many thanks again for your various long & amiable ones. I pity you your end of things. But it would have 'simplified' things had the Committee met to decide what they wanted before the wheels were set in motion (this cog speaks feelingly - your first circular went out before Batista could possibly have had a reply from either Gili or me, & our answer was going to be in the negative, since Russell & Trueta were both going to be away this year & they both thought that Oxford should be reserved for some future occasion).

With all best wishes !

Yours ever,

Robert Kinghill