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Dear Brian,

Sorry for the delay in writing, and sorry too that I haven't been more industrious re the A.-C.S. recently.

To deal with first things first: Bramon's letter. Frank & I both feel that you are right in thinking we should leave the choice to the I.E.C. - in fact, we might be prepared to go further and suggest Bramon's daughter, on the grounds that Romance Philology is perhaps nearer to 'English culture' than Economics. But best perhaps to leave the decision to them, provided that they are to make the choice promptly. I hope it's not too flagrant a case of nepotism, but there's not much we can do about even if - & I doubt it - it is.

Second, accommodation. I took a long time, I'm afraid, to write to Tony Wilson & he took a long time to reply. The answer (enclosed) is in fact negative, as you see.

Third, re subjects of papers for the Conference. I had a report from Mr & Mrs. Humble of Pudsey (Mrs H. née Vidal-Bataquer, niece of Archbishop that was of Tarazona) to include an elementary account of the origin of the Catalan language & its place ^{among} the Romance languages. Where's that man P. R. G.?? I was about ~~to~~ write to Vilanova about these last two things when your letter arrived. I shall now just drop him a quick line about membership. I have received 4 additional subs. for last year, 46 for this year, £37.11.0 (+ £5 promised from you - no hurry!) for scholarship f.d. New names are Francis Noel-Baker M.P.

and Sr. Carlos Basquet, 23, Burton Road / London S.W.9.

One further thing - I feel, regretfully, that I must now relinquish the trusteeship of the A.S.M. Try & keep Paul to his half-expressed promise to take over. Sorry, but I feel I have been doing this for long enough.

Finally - as regards the A.C.S. - I enclose several letters to you which should go into the President's file or be destroyed: Aramon's original letter last year & other oddments. I asked the Jose Florens people for details about the fire, but the article from Nova Catalunya they sent had no more information.

I shan't be at the Conference I'm afraid - the first one I shall be missing. Instead, I'm off following the tracks of Ursumano & Machado: Burgos, Sonia, Madrid, Salamanca. An awful rush altogether.

In haste, as ever!,

Jeff.