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Dear Max,

As advised by the A.C.S. Committee, I got in touch with Mr. A. Jean-Mariet, the London representative of Banca-Catalana. I saw him on the 22nd January and we had a long conversation about the possibility of A.C.S. using some of their premises for a period, in order to get our Research Centre going.

Mr. Jean-Mariet's reaction to our suggestion was most positive although he had a few questions about the exact relationship between his bank and the A.C.S. which I tried to answer as satisfactorily as I could. We agreed that if permission was forthcoming from Mr. Cabana, we would then, as a learned Society, ask them formally for the use of their premises for a given period. He told me that if such permission was granted, we would be able to use one floor they have downstairs immediately thereafter. The only problem is that their lease expires in one year and it is not renewable. However, there is always the possibility that the new premises they are looking for will include again some empty space to which we could transfer our books, files, documents and other material.

As you can see the whole thing looks very promising. If we manage to open a Research Centre the event would indeed be a great breakthrough for our society. This may be too early a stage to congratulate ourselves but I hear from Jeffrey Walker that he has already spoken to Mr. Cabana and that his reaction has already been extremely favourable, so things are looking up.

Please don't hesitate to ask me for any further moves I may undertake on behalf of our Society. You may wish to send copies of this letter to the other members of the Committee.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Salvador Giner

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