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Dear Arthur,

Just returned home yesterday after a wonderful holiday in Cornwall. Am off tonight, God willing, to Barcelona. You will probably by now have received a copy of Paul's letter to Bowness. You will notice I took the liberty of mentioning a fee of 5 pounds. I don't know whether this will prove sufficient to attract him provided he is free, but I leave that up to you.

About the paper you asked me for. As I said, I have not really had time to prepare anything finally, but if you are up against it, I can say something about the MS I mentioned. And as I know the difficulties one is up against in preparing a hand-out, I give you the following as an insurance.

"An as yet uncatalogued MS from the private collection of Archer Huntingdon, located in the Hispanic Society of New York contains a long poem of over 200 quintillas in Aragonese dialect by the royal chronicler of Ferdinand the Catholic, Gauberte Fabricio de Vagad. This monk of the monastery of Santa Fe lived in the latter half of the 15th cent. and is known chiefly for his Crónica de Aragón, Zaragoza, 1499, P.Hurus.

This MS is a late 16th cent. copy of a lost original, entitled Linea de los reyes de Aragón, dedicated to Fernando Abarca de Bolea y Galloz, mayordomo mayor of Charles of Viana. Besides being a poetic genealogy of the kings of Aragon, it is also a eulogy of the house of Bolea.

The paper will consist of an outline of the author and his work, a description of the MS, an analysis of its content and its relation to the Crónica."

I hope you will find this O.K. I will give your regards to the boys in Barcelona,

Regards to the family,
Yours ever,

Brian