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Professor Frank Pierce,
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Dear Prof.,

First of all I must thank you and your wife most sincerely for your kindness to me during my short stay in Sheffield; I am really most grateful to you both - as also to Geoff and to his colleague for taking me under their respective wings. I only hope that the fireworks went off as fireworks should, but so seldom do.

I have given some thought to the things we were discussing about the Anglo-Catalan Society and the A.B.H., and have cooked up a proposal which I think might be suitable for putting before this latter at the Burn meeting. It runs quite simply as follows:

"that there should be formed within the Association of British Hispanists a subsection devoting itself particularly to the study and discussion of the language, literature and history of Catalonia; and that the activities of this proposed subsection should be subject to the approval of the committee of the parent body."

I suggest that if this proposal meets with your approval I have it typed out together with a note to the effect that subs. may now be payed to Geoff, append it to the minutes of the meeting at the Majotca, and send the lot to each of the members paid up and to the others invited to the dinner; it's time they had them!

I have also considered the version of the proceedings that should be sent to Brown and to those others who have signified in one way or another their interest in the Anglo-Catalan Society. My suggested version is enclosed, and I would be glad indeed if you would vet it.

Geof Stagg sends his best wishes to you. You may be interested to know that the University has said that they

can supply accomodation in one of the Halls of Residence for delegated to the A.B.H. in the meeting it is hoped to hold in 1956. If the weather is good they should find it quite pleasant here, and if it is bad they should find that the beer in the Staff Club is by no means bad!

I think I have covered all the points that we decided should be covered, and I think the conclusions we came to in Sheffield are the best possible for an amicable agreement with the A.B.H. it seems to me odd that we ever really considered at all seriously the possible affiliation of the A-C.S. complete, lock, stock and barrel into the A.B.H. The atmosphere must have been one of some engrescament, and Batista is quite a firebrand (in a quiet sort of way).

If you think there is anything else I should have done, and have forgotten, please let me know about it in a hurry!

Thanks very much once again, and kindest regards to you all

Paul
