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Dear Ron,

Many thanks for your letter of September 25, which must have crossed with mine to you of about the same date. I have duly passed your letter on to Nick Fassnidge - and it is certainly true that he has some material ready which I feel could quickly be made up into a suitable paper for the forthcoming meeting of the Anglo-Catalan Society.

I am most surprised by your news about a move to Monash, which I had not heard. Is it a temporary move? I hope so, for if it is not you will be a great loss to Hispanic studies in this country. Still, no doubt you will reveal all when we meet next month.

With regard to the secretaryship of the Anglo-Catalan Society, here again you will be sadly missed. I would myself be happy to be your successor if the members wished. I have now given up my Stewardship of Fitzwilliam, and so feel freer to accept a nomination of this kind. Your point about having a hand in the international congress and the Anglo-Cat. Soc. at the same time is a difficult one. From the point of view of admin. I suppose it would make things easier, as I should only have myself to negotiate with, but whether both, in 1973, would be a bit much I don't know. Anyhow the Society itself might feel that an awful lot of the decision-making would then end up with one person - and this might not be desirable. Certainly Alan Yates would make a fine secretary, and I should be happy to second a proposal if this were made. However I think the decision must be left in the hands of the members of the society. If asked I should certainly be willing to serve (if, in view of what I have said, you feel it would be right), but on the other hand I would not feel injured if Alan's name went forward as the official (i.e. only) candidate.

With all best wishes to you all,

Yours ever,