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Dear Russell-Jebbett

Thanks

very for your letter of the 12th.

To save time I wrote to Prof.
Peter Russell, Robert Pring-Mill &
Sili.

Prof. Peter Russell has answered
that he is leaving for the South
of France & not returning ^{until} after
April 20th, so he will not be
able to take the chair at the

opening session of the Conference, as I had offered him. He thinks there would not be much difficulty about getting a room for the sessions.

I had asked Poing. Mill & Gili to form a sort of local committee to deal with organisation at Oxford, accommodation etc. Though I have not heard direct from them, Prof. Russell writes that they are looking into the matter.

Mrs. Grant will be attending, & she wisely suggests not to overcharge the Conference with papers but make it an occasion for

personal contacts & discussions among people interested in Catalan language, literature etc.

That is why the idea of ending the Conference with a dinner seems advisable. The "local Committee" is looking into it. Prof. Trend has promised to fly back from Lisbon on the morning of the 16th to attend the dinner.

Dr. & Mrs. Street are also likely to attend, & I hear that some Catalans will come from London for the afternoon session & the dinner.

It seems, therefore, not to be any serious objection to send a first circular letter to our members informing them of the Conference on Catalan Studies to be held at Oxford on the week end

April 16-17th, giving a provisional list of papers, mentioning the dinner, & promising further information.

I would let you know as soon as I hear from Pring-mill & Jili.

With kindest regards

yours sincerely

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