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Dear Professor Pevsner,

I am writing to you in my capacity of Honorary Secretary of the Anglo-Catalan Society, which is holding its Second Conference in Cambridge from Friday 4th May to the following Sunday. The Conference will be followed on the Sunday afternoon by the celebration of the Joes Florals de la Llengua Catalana in Christ's College.

The Society is anxious to incorporate into the programme a public lecture, of a nature likely to appeal to not only Catalans and catalanists but to a wider audience, and I have been instructed to approach you and seek your aid.

The Society would be glad if you could accept an invitation to give a lecture, illustrated, on Gaudí, or on any other aspect of Catalan architecture. I have been instructed to inform you that the Society would be willing to offer you first-class rail expenses, and those incurred for accommodation. If you are able to accept under these terms the Society can give you a choice of two evenings: either 8.30 p.m. on Friday 4th May (in Emmanuel College), or at the same hour on Saturday 5th May. Wide publicity in Cambridge and outside would be given to your lecture.

I must apologize for the lateness of this invitation; I realize that it will only be quite by chance if you happen to be free on either of the evenings mentioned, but the Society would be very grateful if, being free, you would be willing to address it and its guests. Perhaps you would let me know your feelings in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

P. Russell-Gebbett, Department of Spanish.