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Tuesday, 29th March, 1955.

Dear Russell-Gebbett,

Many thanks for all your letters & bulletins about the conference. I'm glad it's going to be well-attended, in spite of the very short notice people have had of it. Since this must be written somewhat in haste, if it is to catch the last post tonight, I'll tabulate my answers :-

Papers : we now seem to have seven (Batista, Elliott, Ribbons, yourself, myself, Giralt, & Weaver) - plus the possibility of a Gubern-informal. This is going to make things rather busy, isn't it? There won't be time for more than one on the Sunday morning; I suppose one could have a double-session on Saturday morning, again that afternoon, & then Weaver in the evening -- but five contributions in one day would be very hectic, & that would still leave one paper over. I wonder whether you would consider asking people to arrive for lunch on the Friday, & having an 'inaugural' session with one paper that afternoon? If so, the hostel can do lunch & tea that day - this would then bring the hostel up to £2, for two full days' board-&-lodging.

Programme : don't worry, I shan't produce a rival version here! I suppose it's up to you to decide, in conjunction with Pierce; he'd surely have to be consulted about whether it is to begin earlier, or papers are to be omitted (by the way, didn't Batista say he would produce one only 'if needed?'). The Gilis propose giving a party, & had intended doing so on the Saturday evening. That's out,

because of Weaver (who has been in touch with me, & is getting a lantern-operator, &c.); but we had better leave the Friday evening free for them instead.

Times of meals : breakfast 8.30 (so we could start a double-session at 9.30 - the hostel is five minutes' walk from New College); lunch, 1 p.m.; tea, either 4 or 4.30, whichever would suit our programme best; supper, either 7 or 7.30, ditto.

Additional accommodation : I hope this will be available in another St Anne's hostel, but don't know which one yet. So people had all better be directed to South Parks Road. Route : No.1 Bus from the station to Catte Street, then just under a quarter-of-a-mile's walk : straight up Catte Street, up Parks Road (the continuation of Catte Street), & South Parks Road is the first turning on the right (No.1, labelled "Musgrave House", lies 60 yards down it) - for your own information, here's a British Council map, duly annotated [dotted red line = Bus Route; red line, Bus to Musgrave House; blue line, M.H. to New College; dotted blue line, New College to Roebuck].

Ref guests : I, too, have heard from Ribbans. But I've also had a letter from Trueta, who is on the Committee, saying that he has already invited fifteen people to "contribute with [their] presence to enhance the success of this first meeting". Perhaps this calls for a special circular, which could be sent both to these (mainly doctors & historians) & to Oxford Mod. Langs. people who might be interested. I enclose the correspondence from Trueta ; could you pass it on to Prof. Pierce, please ?

In haste, yours ever,

