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Dear Alan,

Many thanks for your last letter. I'm enclosing a summary of my paper for the November Conference. As you'll see from next week's Radio Times, I'm doing a trailer for the paper on Radio 3 next Sunday at 10-45 p.m., though I expect most members of the A-CS will have better things to do than listen to me at such a time.

I don't, alas, have any written record of the 1960 Conference. However, you're quite right about it being in part a Maragall celebration. The Sunday morning session consisted of two items: a reading of Maragall poems arranged by Joaquim Molas and myself, the poems read by Molas and Jordi Vilanova and introduced by me; then a paper of mine, entitled "The later poetry of Joan Maragall". I'm afraid I can't remember anything else about the Conference, except that it was held in the Hall of Residence (Campbell Hall?) in Taviton Street, just off the Euston Road. Doubtless Batista

also read a paper, but I expect even he will have forgotten which of the many it was.

I expect by now you'll have heard that I'm moving to a Chair of Literature at Essex after Christmas. This isn't really an attempt to "get out of Belfast", which, despite everything, I shall miss in all sorts of ways. However, they want someone to do Spanish and Latin-American literature, and who's also interested in comparative literature, and I find the prospect very attractive, though at the moment a little daunting. It will be nice to be on the mainland again, if nothing else.

Looking forward to seeing you in November.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

