

October 22nd, 1954

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so far as concerns Portuguese studies. They all seem to me to be an extremely conservative lot, and all anxious that they should be taken a lot of notice of. We shall see what happens at the constituent meeting of the A. B. H.

Thanks once again; looking forward to being in Sheffield in early November. Please give my regards to Geoffrey.

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