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Dear Max,

A further note about my absence from the impending 27th AGM and Conference of the A.C.S.

No doubt my name will figure among those of "apologisers", but I would be grateful if you could make a small announcement on my behalf. [I would like to "say" to those attending how very much I regret my not being able to be present, at what was to be my swan-song as President; I shall miss meeting my friends and colleagues. I would like my thanks and appreciation of the work they do for the Society to be extended to everyone, and of course most especially to the officers and the committee and the President d'Honor. They are the people who keep the Society going, and going indeed from strength to strength.* And finally I would like to wish everyone a good Conference (after what I hope will have been an excellent lunch), and to say that I look forward to meeting many of them again in 1982.] If you could look after this for me I would be very grateful.]

There are a couple more things I should tell you as Secretary. I have at the moment here the Society's "archive", which I inherited from Derek Downax, and I

shall be glad to pass it on to my successor - together with a supply of headed paper! Also, on a different matter, I ought to tell you that I have mentioned your name (and that of Joe Gulson) as being possibly interested in making an OCat./Cat. dictionary. The man who wrote to me was one of the Society's oldest members, Amadeu Solé-Seris, and the publishers he mentioned as having this particular bee in their bonnet are Editorial 7½, Gran Via de les Cortes Catalanes, 437 pral, Barcelona 15.

And that's it. I hope you have a very successful gathering.

yours ever,

Paul.

* Thanks also to the Institut Français, and to the Society's guests / guest-speakers