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Dear Brian,

Our attempts to make contact recently haven't had much success, but I gathered from Beth that certain commitments made the proposed trip to Cambridge on June 5th impossible for you. I was also in touch with Joan Gili whose wife has just had an operation and is due home tomorrow, which again wouldn't have made this trip too convenient for him. I have also phoned Jeanne and she now understands why the whole thing has had to be postponed. The new proposal is that the three of us visit Cambridge to draw up a catalogue of the books during the second week of July, preferably, for Gili, towards the end of that week. What do you think of, say, July 12th-13th? I should have to be back here for graduation on the 14th. Kindly let me know and then I can confirm with the others

I also got the programme of the A-C conference. I fear I cannot for a few weeks yet let you have a draft of my talk on the Tirant, but I shall try to get it off to you when exams are over, by the end of this month. Meanwhile I must also try to hammer out, with Cyril Jones, the very

complicated programme of the big conference, which is causing headaches.

My Hong Kong trip was fabulous and I shall leave details till we meet. The trip left me rather fatigued and dizzy for three days after I got back. Wally Thompson is in good form and is building up a nice department, with a Frenchman, a German and a young Cambridge graduate. Wally's Jamaican (half Negress, half Chinese) ^{wife} is a remarkable woman and they have two charming (brown) children, a boy and a girl.

I'm in the middle of exams, as I am sure you are. Hope the family is all well,

Una bona abraçada,

Frank

PS The week-end at Macau was very interesting, the place being just like any praia on the Algarve.

Malkiel writes saying California would like to buy Ignatius' orientalia, but I said we could at the moment only note his request and consider it later. If we cannot find a buyer here, we might well make a deal with them. The Midland Bank Trustees may be writing to you about royalties on the Jafuda book which I've told them is still only half-way to being completed.