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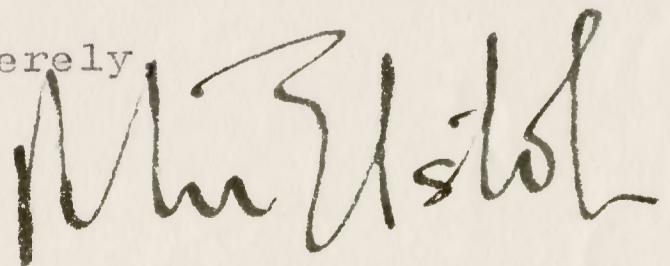
Dear Senor Graña,

Thank you for your letter of 8th July, and I am very glad that a number of Galician writers want to associate themselves with International P.E.N. Please let me know what is decided at your meeting on the 25th, but do please remember that a P.E.N. Centre can only be established after an appropriate application has been considered by the International Executive Committee. The next meeting will be the 42nd Congress, and will take place in Sydney, Australia, next December. If at that time I can have an application signed by at least twenty Galician writers, including at least some of the most highly regarded, then I will put it before the Executive Committee.

Our Rules provide that a separate Centre can only be set up in a country where there is an existing P.E.N. Centre to represent a different literature or if the distance involved makes it impracticable for them to be a branch of the already existing Centre. I anticipate that there might be an objection to there being three or four P.E.N. Centres in Spain and a proposal that a single Spanish Centre with branches might be established. It would be helpful therefore if you could make a point about the independence of Galician literature.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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