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Dear Prof. Tovar,

I wish to express my sincere thanks for your most helpful letter. I shall certainly take the additional material into consideration in my revision of my article. After much thought I decided to put the question of Hispanic Goidels as something for which there is strong evidence but which has not been conclusively proved. However it is difficult to meet the requirements of common innovations mentioned by Sleeth as Goidelic is defined by common archaisms rather than innovations. In passing I try to defend you from one of Whatmough's criticisms in his review in Language where he says -cue proves nothing and talks about -qu losing its velarity after the disappearance of final -e: He seems to have forgotten the ~~fixxx~~ final -e in -cue itself. In my revised article I plead for fresh attempts to define Goidelic as you try to do in your analysis of declensions, which I state while not accepted by all, is at least a step in the right direction. I, myself try a little excursion in areal linguistics on the lines of Bonfante which I am sure will not be accepted by all but some new approach is badly needed or we will not progress.

A number of Irish scholars have complained to me of the difficulty of obtaining your works. A few of the journals in which you publish may be found in Dublin but those which go for instance to the Museum may never fall into a philologist's hands. Might I suggest that you send any Celtic offprints you can to The Royal Irish Academy, Dawson St., Dublin. I mention this institution because there your work would be available to all professional Celtic scholars and also to all serious students. for that reason I regard it as the most important library in Dublin for such matters. A professor of the Institute of Higher Studies, School of Celtic Studies, Merrion Square, Dublin, has also asked me to ask you if you could send offprints to the Institute. They produce a journal Celtica, for which you may be able to arrange an exchange and I think they could manage to exchange certain publications of the Institute with you. If you are interested you could write to my friend Prof. David Green at the Institute. I have placed the Institute second because your publications would be available to only a few there, albeit an important few.

Please give my regards to Prof. Maluquer y Motes whom I remember very well from Barcelona. I very much regret that my present employment prevents me from going to Spain for the Prehistoric Congress.

*Again, with many thanks*

*Eoin Mac White*

