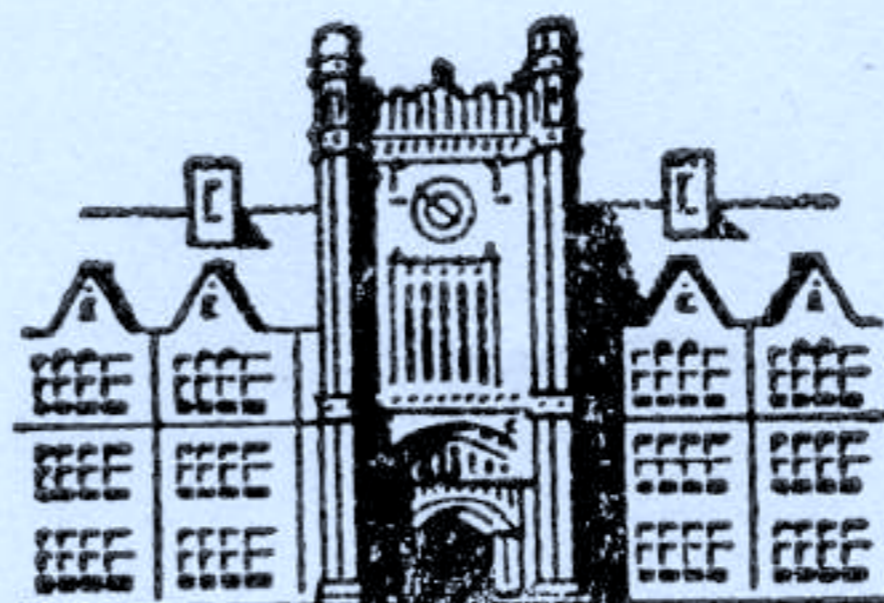


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Senor Agustin Aberro Picavea
Goberno de Euzkadi
Delegacion de Paris
50, Rue Singer (16)
Paris, France

Dear Senor Picavea:

By way of a general statement, this is to inform you that southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon is the center of Basque population and culture in the United States. There is a large segment of Basque people living in and around Boise, Idaho and in the Jordan Valley of Eastern Oregon. In view of this centralization within the state of Idaho, we feel that this University has an obligation to bring together everything we can afford to buy on Basque culture in (1) the United States and in North America; and (2) the Basque homeland in the Pyrenees of Spain and France.

There is no university or other library in North America that has built up a special collection on the Basque people and their culture. We believe, therefore, that in the interests of scholarship it is essential that one university in America assume that responsibility.

Our Acquisitions Librarian has already communicated with you relative to the purchase of Basque materials. You will receive another communication from him shortly. I, in turn, would like to write you further on the varied types of material we are interested in acquiring. The attached list may serve to inform you of the various areas of Basque life, culture and history in America in which we are anxious to obtain publications. With some exceptions, which will be apparent as you read the list, we would like to obtain much the same kind of publications about Basque life, culture and history in Spain and France.

We desire particularly to locate materials on the civil war in Spain in relation to the Basque part in it. Pamphlet publications, brochures, leaflets, documents, records, etc. All of these we are anxious to procure. But, at this distance, and with no direct contact with Basque leaders in exile, it is a very difficult task.

Would it be possible for you to put us in contact with one or more individuals who could provide us with pamphlet and other publications that were issued during the war with Franco? Or could you advise us where such publications, if they currently exist, may be obtained.

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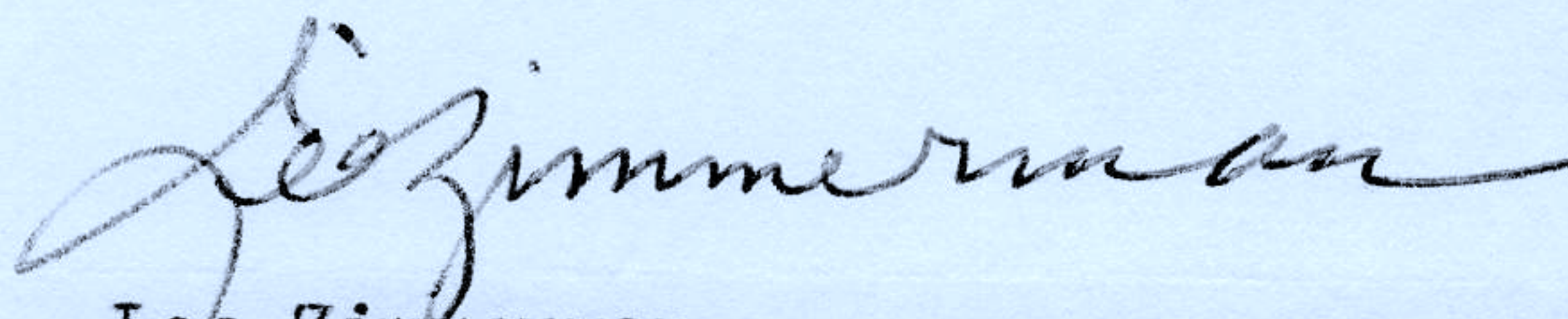
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We will greatly appreciate any assistance, advice or suggestions you may be in a position to extend to us.

May we hear from you further.

Sincerely yours,



Lee Zimmerman
University Librarian

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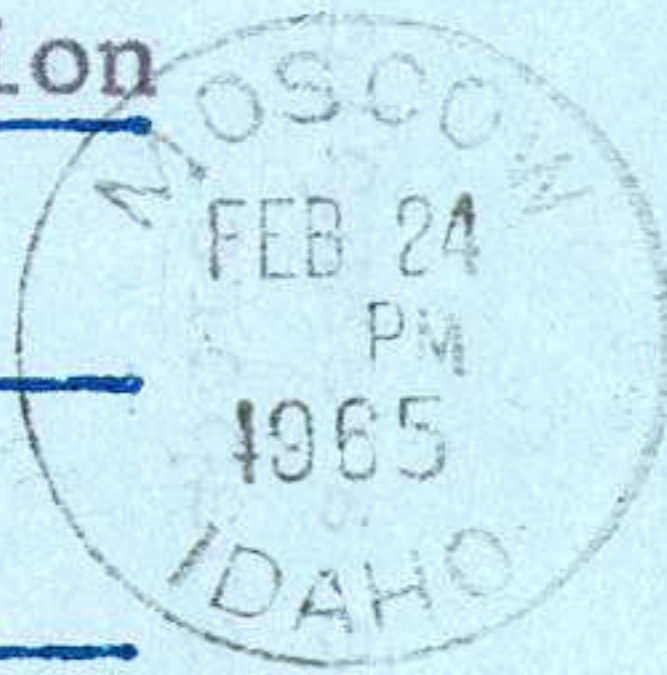
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BASQUE MATERIALS
desired by
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- A Categorical Outline -

- Books and pamphlets covering every phase of Basque life and activity.
- Clippings of articles from magazines and newspapers describing Basque life, education, recreation, religion, shepherding, social activities, marriage, dancing, language, home life, etc.
- Customs, superstitions and traditions, handicrafts, decorations, festivals, architecture, deaths, births and marriages.
- Diaries.
- Documents such as birth certificates, baptism, etc.
- Folklore Tales and Materials: tall tales, jokes, animals, nature and weather.
- Folk Songs, camp songs, school songs and ballads.
- Folk Speech and Proverbs, dialect stories.
- Folk Rhymes, poems, riddles, sayings, nursery rhymes.
- Jokes, pranks, games of physical action, drinking games, hoaxes.
- Letters and old correspondence, either in English, Spanish or Basque.
- Pictures - group pictures of dancing groups, singing groups, picnic groups, etc.; buildings such as homes and churches or the settings in which Basque people lived; pictures of parades. In short, pictures of all kinds.
- Programs of all kinds such as banquet, dance and conference programs.

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