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J. Hickman, Esq.,
The Basque Delegation,
39, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Hickman,

The Labour Party has suggested that it would like to publish the facts of the Basque Resistance in its fortnightly publication "Talking Points". The type of material needed would concern the organisation of the Government in Exile, its contact with Basques in Spain and with Basque Colonies in America; the organisation (in general outline) of the Resistance in the Basque Provinces and the measures of repression brought against the Basques (suppression of Language etc.).

The Research Secretary of the Labour Party, who is the editor of "Talking Points", feels that the long and heroic struggle of the Basque people should be published in this country. In particular, it is felt that emphasis on the unity of the 3 parties forming the coalition of the Basque Government in Exile should be contrasted with the disunity of the other political groups in exile.

I do not know whether the Basque Delegation in London is in a position to supply the necessary material, or whether you would prefer to send this letter on to President Aguirre. You may think that it would be a good idea to let me have rather more than 2,000 words so that the Editor can select what he needs. I enclose a copy of "Talking Points" for your information.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Peter Benenson.