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00185 Roma.

2 Febrero, 1968

Querido Dn. Manuel,

Envio a Vd. el original de mi carta
al Editor del TIMES juntamente con su respuesta.

No comments.

Le abraza,

A. Ojanguren

Copy to Irujo.

A. Ojanguren,
Umberto Biancamano 5,
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January, 25th, 1968.

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The Editor,
THE TIMES,
Printing House Square,
London, E.C. 4.

Dear Editor,

I shall be very grateful if you
would publish in your newspaper the enclosed
article THIRTY YEARS AFTER.

This is the last tribute I can
pay to my Consul and dear friend Mr. Relph C. Stevenson.

Yours faithfully,

(Firmado) A.Ojanguren.

THIRTY YEARS AFTER

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EUZKADI - the Basque country - has lost a great friend. Mr. Ralph C. Stevenson, C.B.E. who was British Consul in Bilbao until just a few hours before the fall of the city in 1937 to the hands of the Italians, Germans, Moors, Phalangists and Requetes, has died.

Mr. Stevenson survived 30 years from the two attempts of assassination from the air by Franco's forces. In the first bombardment they missed their objective by a few yards, but, in the second, the " heroes of the air " were able to place a bomb in the middle of the roof of the little villa occupied by him in Santa Ana Square, Las Arenas, Nr. Bilbao, reducing it to a heap of rubble.

Fortunately there were no victims. I had previously advised Mr. Stevenson that he was in great danger and warned him that as soon as he heard the sound of the siren announcing alarm or danger he should leave the villa at once taking the necessary precautions.

My advice to Mr. Stevenson reached the ears of the police who could not understand how I had got to know that the district was going to be bombed. The police somewhat confused, came to the Consulate and invited me to go with them to the police station for interrogation.

I bluntly refused this suggestion but agreed to talk about the matter with them on the spot.

I believe the police accepted my explanations because they left, never to return again, but, I still wonder what they thought a week after, when my prediction became true and the villa of the Consul was bombed and completely destroyed.

May MR. RALPH C. STEVENSON, our dear Consul and unforgettable friend, REST IN PEACE.

A. Ojanguren

A. Ojanguren, M.B.E.
British Pro-Consul
at Bilbao in 1937.

A. Ojanguren,
Roma.

25 Enero, 1968.

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Querido Dn. Manuel,

Recibi su carta del 15 desde "NABARRA".

Me invita Vd. a que escriba personalmente al Editor? Como su invitación es una orden, pues.....ya está escrita y enviada por este mismo correo. Le incluyo copia. No tengo seguridad de que el TIMES la publique, pero de lo que si tengo seguridad es de que THE TIMES se pondrá en contacto inmediato con el Foreign Office.

El pasado Sábado celebramos un party en casa en honor de Maldonado, Llopis y Gil Robles. Asistieron los dosx primeros. Al percerero ya sabe Vd. que le fué prohibida su salida de Barcelona.

Debiero n haber acudido Goenaga y Alegria pero ocurrio que ese mismo dia murió un hermano de la Gregoriana, esto impidió su asistencia. Nos honró con su presencia otro jesuita amigo, oro de ley, y por "añadidura" de Pamplona. Estuvo presente hasta las 8 y media. A esa hora salió para Madrid.

Un fuerte abrazo,

A. Ojanguren

Gracias por LE FIGARO LITERAIRE.
Por su interés pude adquirir aqui algunos ejemplares que he enviado a España y ¡ han llegado!!