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Querida Maria de Lourdes:

I've spoken with my colleagues--the Leeds in particular--about your trip. We're all very excited, and will try to plan everything to aproveitar ao maximo a tua presenca--para ti e para nós.

Briefly:

1) April is best. May is the end of the academic year, and it would be difficult to get people together.

2) Could you send us some form of resume we might use in arranging the conferences? This is important, not for those of us in Portuguese Studies, who all know who you are, but for officials of insittutions--Chancellors (reitores), deans, department chairmen, etc., who approve the funds with which to pay you--as well as for women's groups who might not be familiar with your work in Portugal, but who should have the opportunity of meeting you.

3) Payment for the trip will have to be arranged slightly differently than we had hoped. The fund the Leeds were counting on to finance your trip are not available this year. Your expenses, however, including ida e volta de Portugal, will easily be covered by lecture fees, except that the money will come in afterwards rather than before. Can you purchawe your air fare out of your own funds, to be later reimbursed?

4) Prof. Cardona of Boston University (Liz and Tony's friend) suggested that he might ask Luis de Sousa, the Portuguese Cultural Attache in Washington, for travel funds. I thought we'd better ask your opinion first. I met Luis last year--very simpatico. Do you think it appropriate to ask him?

Negócios a parte, queria muito agradecer-te a copia de Novas Cartas que recebi há poucos dias. O livro só pode ganhar com os teus prefácios inteligentes. Agradecida estou tambem, e muito impressionada, por teu livro, Sulcos. Interessantissimo. Viva Maria de Lourdes! Deste-me nova coragem de tentar publicar a minha tese de doutoramento.

Mando à Teresa um abraço com saudades. Seria formidável se ela puder encontrar os meios de acompanhar-te em abril.

Much love,

Loretta

