

Carta de Anne Penton, a Robert van Schendel (17 octubre 1962)

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Madrid. October 17th, 1962.

Dear Monsieur Van Schendel,

I am writing to you in an individual capacity, although you may know that I am associated with the London office of the European Movement.

Whilst in Madrid, I met Señor Antonio Villar Maso, who discussed with me the possibility of the European Movement sending an observer to the Civil Political trial of Señor Amat, which is to take place here in Madrid on November 5th.

This trial will be an extremely important one, as it represents a complete cross-section of people (there are 50 others also being tried) prosecuted on charges of illegal political propaganda and membership of the Socialist Party in Spain. Sentences of 8 years for Señor Amat and varying other periods of imprisonment are being asked by the Prosecution.

Recalling the attitude of the Spanish Government after the Congress of Munich last summer, it would, I feel sure, have a profound effect on the course of the trial if the European Movement were to send at least one prominent member of the European Movement to Madrid to be present at the trial. I have been informed here of the great value of the visit of your delegation to General Franco in protest against the deportation of certain of the Spanish Delegation to the Canaries and others to exile.

I do hope that some action on this can be taken.

Yours sincerely,

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