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Dear Professor Balaguer:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 12 August 1961, addressed to Commander W.C. Sands, in which you enclosed a copy of the revised budget (totaling 164,500 pesetas) for your research entitled "Approximations of Functions by Linear Combinations of Exponentials". I am sure that personnel of the Office of Naval Research will be pleased that you will be able to accelerate the research beyond that originally proposed.

The normal procedure for the support of European research is for the Department of the Navy agency interested in the research to transfer the required funds to the Navy Purchasing Office, London, for the preparation of the actual contract. When prepared, the contract is forwarded to the investigator for signature by himself or other appropriate authorities. This procedure usually takes about a month or six weeks to complete.

The previous research which we have supported in Spain has been of direct interest to the Spanish Navy Ministry and we have sought their concurrence before placing the contract. We have been advised by the U.S. Naval Attache in Madrid that, since the research which you have proposed is in the field of pure mathematics and not basically naval or maritime in nature, the Spanish Navy Ministry did not believe it was within their province to grant or deny approval of the contract with you. It was further suggested that the securing of such authorization as is necessary is a matter between the individual himself and the Spanish Government.

It is assumed that you have the approval of the University of Barcelona and other appropriate Spanish Government officials to accept this U.S. Navy support for your research. If this is not the case, will you please advise us immediately.

Very truly yours,

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