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The Honorable E. C. Dolman
Lord Mayor of Cardiff
Town Hall
Cardiff, Wales, Great Britain

Dear Sir:

By now you have undoubtedly received the report that the National Gymanfa Ganu Association of the United States and Canada will hold their 38th Annual Session in your fair city in the "LAND OF OUR FATHERS, CYMRU".

It so happened that your invitation for 1969 and our invitation from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U. S. A. for 1970 were passed upon and approved at the same time. Because of this fact I write this letter.

We intend to promote the 1969 Gymanfa Ganu at Cardiff to the fullest. It is hoped that we can encourage many more Welsh Americans to visit Wales, the investiture and the Cardiff Gymanfa Ganu in particular. In order to do this, and we must do it quickly, national publicity is planned.

In discussing the possibilities with a friend of mine who is an influential newspaper man connected with the Milwaukee Journal, our leading newspaper in Milwaukee, he suggested that if we could acquire some object from Wales, authentically Welsh, perhaps of historic value, that could be given as a gift from our homeland we could conceivably get national publicity on the occasion, naturally mentioning the Gymanfa Ganu at Cardiff.

Following this, the gift would be placed up for auction, again publicizing the coming event of 1969 throughout the entire United States and Canada. We believe that the auction would help defray some of the expenses and also give us many leads on persons that will be interested in making this trip.

Finally, it was suggested we try to enlist your help. Frankly, I could not think of another person in all of Wales that would be in a better position to help us in this project, and I sincerely hope that you will consider our request in securing such a gift. In return, on behalf of the GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN, the sponsor for the 1970 in Milwaukee, I extend to you, Sir, an invitation to visit with us in 1970 and while in our city you will be our guest.

Mr. Fred Daiger of the Milwaukee Convention Bureau in all probability will make arrangements to have you meet with the mayor of our city as well as the governor of our state.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. D. J. Davies, Chairman of the Wales Tourist Board in the hopes that perhaps he could assist you.

The Honorable E. C. Dolman

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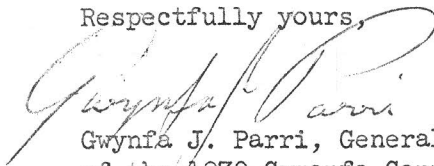
I was born in North Wales but when a Welshman leaves home he considers the whole of Wales as his home. We Welsh in America are proud of our ancestral tradition as we are proud of the contribution the Welsh have given to this great country, U. S. A.

Thirteen presidents claimed Welsh ancestral background, seventeen of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Welsh, so you see, Mayor Dolman, we are not only anxious to have the Welsh visit their homeland we are also anxious for Wales to know America, and perhaps above all we are anxious for America to know the Welsh.

Our going to Cardiff will make the event truly international.

I would very much like to hear from you.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gwynfa J. Parri', written in dark ink.

Gwynfa J. Parri, General Chairman
of the 1970 Gymanfa Ganu in Milwaukee