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Dear Dr Jones

Greetings! I wonder whether you have had an opportunity to speak to your colleagues regarding the request in my original e-mail? We would like to be able to finalise the flight and accomodation details for our reconnaissance mission as soon as possible, as we are due to leave for Patagonia on May 12 and would like to have made all the arrangements before then. Sorry to be a nuisance!

Kind regards

Hefin

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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Ellis Jones <...@us.edu>
> To: Hefin Elis <hefin@eryri.demon.co.uk>
> Sent: 18 April 2001 18:13
> Subject: Re: tv series

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> > Thank you for your note. A week Saturday, I will be in Harrisburg,
> > Pennsylvania, at a meeting with Dr. John Ellis, Green Mountain College,
> > Poultney, Vermont, and Col. Alfred Reese, Jr., Lehighon, Pennsylvania.
> > Dr. Ellis is the Director for the Welsh Heritage Center at Green

Mountain
> > College and Col Reese is writing the history of the Welsh National
Gymanfa
> > Ganu Association. I will share with them your note and between the
three
> > of us we should be able to come up with suggestions for you.
> > Ellis J. Jones
> > WNGGA Executive Director

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> > At 05:38 PM 4/18/01 +0100, you wrote:
> > > Dear Dr Jones some interviews, preferably with Welsh
speakers,
> > > during that period. Without stating the obvious, as we are
preparing
> > > television programmes, there would need to be a good visual reason to
> > visit
> > > these locations. In addition, we would be very interested to learn of
> > > personal stories (successes and tragedies) of the Welsh in the USA
over
> > > the centuries. We are naturally aware of Joseph Parry's story; are
there
> > > any others? They don't necessarily have to involve famous people; love
> > > stories, workplace tales, social events, betrayal, heartbreak,
successes
> > > (financial or otherwise), positions of power, abuse of power etc. in
> > > fact,
> > > any story with a human interest element, experienced by a Welsh man or
> > > woman, which could inspire a song! As our time in the States is
> > > limited,
> > > we would have to decide on which locations would be practicable to
> > > visit,

To:
From: Ellis Jones <ellis@stg.us.edu>
Subject: Re: tv series
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John: Here is a copy of my reply to Hefin Elis. He was the one whose e-mail I shared with you and Col. Reese in Harrisburg. I'll forward Hevin's email.
Ellis J.

>Date: Thu, 03 May 2001 09:41:39 -0500
>To: "Hefin Elis" <hefin@ff-eryri.demon.co.uk>
>From: Ellis Jones <ellis@stg.us.edu>
>Subject: Re: tv series
>In-Reply-To: <009b01c0d31f\$68b652c0\$6f00a8c0@HEFIN>

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>Hefin: When I returned from being out of town yesterday (Wednesday), I received your e-mail this morning. Yes, I did share with Dr. John Ellis and with Col. Alfred Reese the proposal which you had sent to me.

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>Some time ago a proposal had been made to the WNGGA and to the NWAFF (National Welsh American Foundation) to prepare information in the form of a video or film about the Welsh in North America. Dr. Ellis is keenly interested in the project and had a lengthy conversation with Col. Reese who has been instrumental in raising a limited amount of funding to start the project.

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>Dr. Ellis is the Director of the Welsh Heritage Program at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont. He has agreed to draw up a proposal for this WNGGA/NWAFF project but will not have details ready until June. I am sending to Dr. Ellis a copy of what you have sent to me and asking him if he will be in touch with you to see what can be done. The project in which WNGGA/NWAFF is going to be involved is to be aimed at a North American audience rather than one in Wales which would complement what you are doing.

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>Are you familiar with Ar Arall Dir which was prepared by Brynmor Williams about four or five years ago? In it he visited Minnesota, Kansas, and Colorado and interviewed a number of persons about the emigration of the Welsh to those areas.

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>Please keep us posted. The WNGGA Board of Trustees will be meeting on Saturday, May 12, in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, and if there would be anything which might need approval or direction from them, it will help to have it ahead of time. I will be leaving Minnesota for the mid-year meeting on late Wednesday, May 9.

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> Ellis J. (WNGGA Executive Director)

X-From_: demon.co.uk Wed May 9 06:01:28 2001
From: "Hefin Elis" <n...cyri.demon.co.uk>
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Dear Dr Jones

Please find below a copy of the e-mail recently sent to Dr John S Ellis.

Kind regards

Hefin Elis

Dear Dr Ellis

Many thanks for your e-mail. Our proposed filming dates are immediately before and after the concerts in which Dafydd Iwan will be performing in San Jose, California on August 31 and September 1. As our time in the United States is limited to approximately 12 days (excluding international travel) we would like to visit as many areas as possible but without attempting the impossible! I think we will have to limit the locations to three; San Jose naturally, (are there any visually interesting sites with Welsh connections in California?) Slate Valley as you suggest, and Pennsylvania (presumably the Scranton area). Do you think the following schedule is feasible? Travel from UK 26/27 August, film in California until 30 August, concerts in San Jose on 31 August and September 1, travel to either Slate Valley or Pennsylvania on September 2 (are there direct flights to either destination from San Jose?), film for 2-3 days, travel to other destination (Slate Valley or Pennsylvania) film for 2-3 days; fly back to UK (Manchester preferably) from convenient East Coast airport on September 8 or 9. We would naturally prefer direct domestic flights where possible.

Our "advance party" is coming to the USA in early July to make the relevant arrangements for our filming visit in August/September. They will be in California on July 1 and 2 and then hopefully travelling to Pennsylvania or Slate Valley on July 3 (again depending on convenience of flights) for 2 days and the other location on 6 and 7; hoping to fly back to Manchester on 7/8 July, again from a convenient East Coast airport. I wonder whether they could they meet up with you during their visit?

I shall be leaving for Patagonia on Saturday 12 May; should you wish to communicate between that date and May 27, please e-mail marian.elis@ff-eryr. She is fully aware of all the details and indeed, will be one of the advance party in July.

Kind regards

Hefin Elis
Producer

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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: John Ellis
> To: <hefin.elis>
> Sent: 03 May 2001 17:26
> Subject: FW: tv series

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> > Dear Mr. Elis,
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> > Ellis Jones forwarded me your email regarding the documentary with Dafydd Iwan. In response to your enquiry regarding possible sites, I can > certainly
> > recommend our own community here in the Slate Valley of Vermont/New York.

> > The small towns of this rural area have a strong Welsh presence due to the
> > local slate industry. We have an active St. David's Society and Green
> > Mountain College has a Welsh Heritage Program, of which I am the director.
> > The college program attempts to cultivate the Welsh American heritage of
> > the region and to foster an interest in Welsh culture among our students,
> > faculty and local community. You can read more about our program and its
> > activities at our web site at <http://www.greenmtn.edu/learning/welsh.asp>
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> > There are several things of visual interest related to Welsh culture in
> > our valley, including our slate quarries, the Slate Valley Museum, the home
> > of George Jones (the Welsh founder of the NY Times), the Welsh Presbyterian
> > Church of Paultney, the Penrhyn Volunteer Fire Company House, a number
> > of houses which bear Welsh names and/or fly Welsh flags, graveyards with
> > englynion, the Green Mountain College Welsh Collection (archival
> > collection of 19th century Welsh books and documents collected from the local
> > community) and the college itself. There are also many historical
> > photos
> > which might be available for use.
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> > There are several people who can tell you about their families and their
> > connection to Welsh culture. However, I can only think of two people
> > who can speak Welsh, and both are recent immigrants to the valley from
> > Wales.
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> > I am unsure of the timing of your filming, but the very best time to
> > visit for both visual interest and Welsh activity would be in mid-October. On
> > October 13, the college will hold its Welsh Harvest Festival. A wide
> > variety of film opportunities would be available, everything from shots
> > of our rugby clubs (who bear the Welsh dragon on their jerseys and fly the
> > flag on the score board) to our college choir singing Welsh hymns. In the
> > evening, we have a Welsh folk concert by bonfire light. I will paste
> > additional information on the festival below for your reference.
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> > If you are interested in coming to our region, please let me know your
> > travel plans and I will be glad to help you make arrangements and to
> > show you around.
> >
> > Yours truly,
> > John S. Ellis
> > Director, Welsh Heritage Program
> > Green Mountain College
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> > >so I would be very grateful if you could point us in the right
direction
> > >as soon as possible so that we may plan our journey. Two of my
> colleagues
> > >will be coming to the States the first week in July on a
reconnaissance
> > >mission so any information before then would be very gratefully
> received.
> > > Diolch yn fawr iawn Hefin Elis Producer
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