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Dear Angus MacLeod,

Firstly I apologize for not writing before but the New Year brought the usual hecticness. I hope your new year came in well, anyway. Thank you for your letter and the 'Self-explanatory Memo' some of the plans found very interesting. I was wondering if you could tell me about the history of Lewis Caerning 'THE BENEVA RIOT OF 1874

THE PARK DESK RIOT OF 1887

THE AIGNISH RIOT OF 1888

THE GRESS/COLL ETC LAND RAIDING
That was mentioned in your Memorandum, as I am not familiar with the islands history.

But I thought the idea of using the Ancient Cairns as a symbol of the lands and the Will of the people to keep the islands how they wish them to be and the sacrifices that most probably entailed. I also thought the Method of Construction, getting the young people to erect them, was good.

I was thinking though, do you not

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Worry that the plan of a loose Centre would bring too many tourists to your island which has remained Oospitt? Besides from that aspect I can see that it will bring a variety of jobs to the unemployed. Do you find that there is an unemployment problem at all on the island? But I do feel it is important to honour the history and development and to bring the knowledge to others.

Fanny, I haven't quite explained ^{why} ~~my~~ interest in Lewis. I have visited Lewis a few times along with other parts of Scotland, whenever I have time to travel I tend to find myself wandering in some part of Scotland. At present I am doing a local Documentary for the Photography College and thought it would be an interesting ~~place~~ island to look into. I am mainly covering the history, industry (weaving, fishing) and the inhabitants. I noticed you mentioned the Weavers in Keose and Hexay I wondered if you might know how I could contact them and to take some photographs helping to explain the processes of weaving. I thought it would be

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Quite interesting to cover from when the War
is on the Sheep to the Orb Marking.

I apologise that I can not
write to you in Gaelic as being in Southern
England it does not get taught, I have loved
teaching myself but got as far as *THA LA MATHA
ANNU*
I found it a beautiful language to learn and
encouraging to see the Islanders still speaking it.

I am next in Lewis in February which I
am looking forward to. London is very busy with
the Jubilee and Manx people but there's been some
beautiful sun rises over Hyde Park lately.
Anyway I was wandering if ^{you} would
know of any youth hostels or cheap accommodation
as I was camping out in my Bivy Bag on
my last visit - the week before Christmas but
I found it quite tiring, sleeping out and trying
to do a social documentary.

I was also wondering if it
would be possible to come and visit you
in February and possibly take a couple of
photographs if this is convenient for
you? Thank you for your help.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

Jain Paterson.

Wednesday 13th March

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Dear Angus,

Justly, I apologise for not writing sooner but I have been side tracked, having to do a project on Memory, which was unexpectedly sprung upon me.

Anyway I will definitely be up in Kent in a couple of weeks and wondered if it would be convenient for me to come and see you on Friday 29th late afternoon (about 5-6 o'clock). If you are busy on this day I could come and see you on Saturday Morning but Friday would be easiest for me.

Anyway I hope ~~you~~ to hear from you soon

yours sincerely
Jain Pathe.

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Dear Angus,

Thank you for your letter.

Saturday 30th March is fine by Me. I will probably be round Mid Morning as I am

heading towards Callanish in the afternoon
Look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely
John
Parker.