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Dear Paul

Welcome back to blighty. I trust Italy was well up to expectations - but not too hot. Still, if it was hot, at least they make superb ice cream - that is their *forté*.

I returned from holiday on the 24th and have had problems making contact with people since then - I suspect that a number are on holiday (and why not) - but things have moved a little today.

Jason Banks and chopper are available on Sunday 6th August, though when I last spoke with him he was still short of a cabin attendant. The 6th is fine with Graeme and I - basically the schedule as sent earlier, just change the date, though I'll issue a new schedule later - **but** is it acceptable to Primmy and Ally, the other 'families', yourself, Clare, James, Algy, John and those who were to be on safety/site marking duty. I have had no luck when phoning Primmy/Ally - they may be on holiday - and since they are key to the whole day's filming I haven't tried to make contact with too many others. I have spoken to John Nicol but have been unable to reach Clare - again, she may be on holiday.

Anyway - the 6th looks like being a good day if it works for everyone concerned. Can you help make contact with Primmy/Ally - I must let Jason know what's happening. I think you are back on Monday 31st July - can we talk then - I'll be in the office most of the day.

I've spoken to Fred Gordon - sounds like a nice and very helpful chap - who says he'll be delighted to contribute to the video. He doesn't have any guided trips scheduled for next week and goes on holiday on the 7th. However the good news is that he's booked on Monday 21st August, at 1900hrs, to take a party of between 12 and 20 people from Ellon Hill Walking Club on an evening 'social and natural history' walk taking in the area around some of the ruined crofts, along part of the Gordon Way towards the heather brig and the Monymusk Triangle. The leader, a Mike Taylor, is on holiday till the 17th but I have left a message with his son asking if he minds a video crew tagging along. The son thinks that will not be a problem.

I realise that filming on the 21st puts the completion date further back. In an earlier discussion we agreed that filming Fred and a party would be good for the video. After speaking to Fred I am even more convinced, to me it sounds like good content. Do you agree?

On Monday I'll be working out a schedule for filming a range of pictures on Wednesday 2nd August - scenics, castles and other buildings, the Maiden Stone, Esson's gravestone, the new plaque celebrating the battle of Harlaw, etc. I'll try to contact you sometime on that day.

Best Wishes

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