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16 February 1988

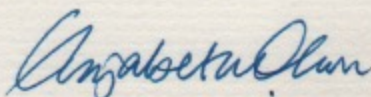
Dear Mr Mackay

Bailies of Bennachie

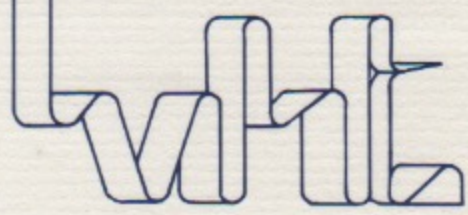
Thank you for your application to the British Video History Trust. This will be put before the committee at its next meeting and we will contact you again if we need any further information at this stage. It may be some time before we are able to give you a decision.

I enclose another copy of the leaflet and application form as you sent your original leaflet in with your application.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Oliver
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replied to on 28/4 - out of the question

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22 April 1988

Dear Mr Mackay

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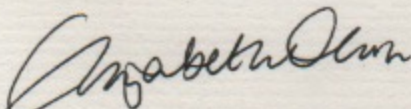
Further to my letter of 16 February I am pleased to tell you that the committee was very interested in your proposal and would like to support it. We are prepared to lend you the equipment for a period of up to 21 days, together with sufficient videotape for three hours of recording.

One of the problems is that you would have to collect the equipment from us and return it to us and clearly this could prove a difficulty. This travel would, I'm afraid, be at your own expense. In its travel cases the equipment fits easily into a large saloon car/hatchback but anything much smaller might be a problem. Anyone coming by train would probably need a companion to help with the equipment. We would normally use the day of collection to go over the operation of the equipment with you and ensure that you were happy with it.

If you are prepared to go ahead on this basis perhaps you would let me know as soon as possible when you would like to proceed and how long you would need to have the equipment. The recorded tapes must be returned to us on completion of the project and we supply you with a low-band U-matic copy and a VHS copy of the tapes for your own use.

Do give me a ring if you would like to discuss things further.

Yours sincerely



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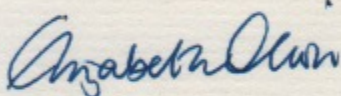
3rd June 1988

Dear Mr Mackay

Your comments about the impossibility of coming down to London to pick up the video equipment highlighted a concern which the Trust has felt as well. In an ideal world we would have several sets of equipment and one would certainly be lodged in Scotland. We are doing our best to raise the necessary funds to do this.

In the meantime we are exploring the possibility of sending the equipment up to BBC Aberdeen (Beechgrove Terrace) so that you could collect it from there. Someone there should also be able to go over the operation of the equipment with you. I cannot be sure at this stage that this can be arranged but I thought I should check with you first to see whether this would make the project possible. If it would, could you please let me know when you would like to have the equipment and we can check whether it would be free on the dates you want. We would very much like to be able to help you.

Yours sincerely



Elizabeth Oliver



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24th June 1988

Dear Mr Mackay

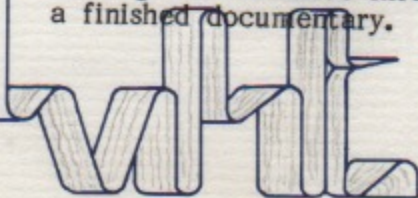
Further to our telephone conversation yesterday I enclose a copy of the preliminary manual for Trust projects. I suggest you read it through carefully to see if any obvious difficulties suggest themselves.

We are making arrangements for the equipment to be sent to BBC Aberdeen, Broadcasting House, Beechgrove Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 2ZT. The telephone number there is Aberdeen 625233 and my contact is John Curry, Supervisor, Engineering & Operations. He will expect you on Thursday 28th July to collect the equipment and will arrange for someone to go over the operation of the equipment with you. I suggest that you telephone him in advance to arrange a convenient time. You will probably need to allow an hour or two for familiarisation. We expect you to return the equipment to Mr Curry on 11th August and he will then arrange for it to come back to us. This is a slightly unusual arrangement and we hope that the equipment will stand up to being transported by carrier.

I enclose a list of the precise items of equipment with which you will be supplied. You will see that we propose to let you have 3 hours and 33 minutes of Betacam recording tape. This must be returned with the camera and we will subsequently let you have a VHS copy of the material you have shot. At present we are not able to offer editing facilities to you, but if you have access to such facilities we can also supply copies on low band U-matic tape.

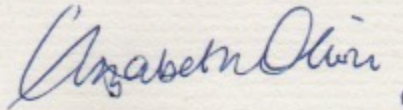
We will also supply you with consent forms which must be completed by all interviewees and the interviewer. A sample is enclosed. As you know, broadcast rights remain with the Trust, but you may use your own copies of the material for showing to community groups, public meetings or in any other non-broadcast context. You should remember that the Trust is looking for extensive interviews and scenes; raw footage not a finished documentary.

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I shall be away on holiday for two weeks, so if you have any immediate queries I should be grateful if you would speak to my colleague, Murray Weston, who will be able to help you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Oliver', with a small mark at the end.

Elizabeth Oliver
Trustee

c.c. John Curry, BBC Aberdeen

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EQUIPMENT TO BE SUPPLIED TO BAILIES OF BENNACHIE GROUP

Lighting

One Redhead Four Kit in Red Fibre Box consisting of:

- Three Redheads
- Three Stands
- One Grip
- Three Safety Gauzes
- Three 1/2 Gauzes
- One Lighting Reflector Sheet
- 1 x 4 way mains lead
- 1 x 2 way mains lead

Microphones

Two sub-miniature lapel mics (Sony Type ECM 77B)
nos 401603 and 401609
Two 5 metre leads

Power

Power Supply AC500 CE
Battery Charger BC-1WA 23325
6 x NPIA Batteries

Camera and support

Camera Support Vinten Vision 10 Fluid Head and two stage tripod in Blue carrying case

Betacam kit: BVP-1P and BVP1PS. Fujinon Lens
In cream carrying case

Videocassettes

10 x PB20 3M Broadcast videocassettes
(Total duration: 3 hours 33 minutes)



Tape 1 29/7/88
 Shot 1 V. slow panning w no sound
 2 V. " " " sound in opp dir + Donald + dog. } 2 mins
 Shot 3 Donald Mitchell
 rather windy

Tape 2 + 3 31/7/88
 Panning at Essons Croft.
 Interview by Douglas Booth by J R Mackay at Essons Croft
 re Geo Esson, Stone, House etc.
 All shots and pans taken at Essons Croft
 wet at times

FILTER 3 OK ✓
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