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It was good to see you again on 6th December last, after so long, and very kind of you to come up with the offer of office space at your Caledonian Road A.P.B. premises, for which I and the NCROPA are truly grateful.

Having now had the opportunity of discussing the offer with other NCROPA Committee members, I fear, however, that there are a number of problems for us if we accept the facilities you have so generously made available. The two main ones are that (a) we would not be able to have access to the office out of normal office hours, i.e. in the evenings and at week-ends, and (b) the 'open plan' format of the office facilities would not be appropriate for much of our work which is of a confidential nature and whereby we are involved in matters of a highly sensitive kind on behalf of individual members, and who are guaranteed complete confidentiality if they so request it. Such confidentiality, the strict implementation of which I have rigorously adhered to throughout the NCROPA's 20 years existence, is also assured to those members who request it when joining (you will remember that we make that commitment to them on the membership application form).

Although you have very kindly offered the use of your board/committee room for any private meetings/discussions we may wish to have, again the most likely time we would wish to avail ourselves of such facility would be in the evenings. It would also be mostly evenings when mem-

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bers who often offer practical help (e.g. helping with correspondence, **addressing envelopes** etc.) **would** require access (under supervision, of course). In the circumstances, and desperate though we certainly are for office accommodation, I do not honestly think your extremely kind offer will be of much help to us, even though it grieves me very deeply to have to concede it.

I think you know how grateful we are for all you do (and have done) for us, and the last thing I would wish for you to think is that we are ungrateful in this instance. It's just that, in the interests of severe practicality, I don't think it will work for our needs.

If you have any comments or other ideas as to how we can overcome this problem, I shall be very glad to have them. Meantime, once again, a very big 'thank-you' for your kindness and generosity which, very reluctantly, on this occasion, I fear we shall have to decline.

With all best wishes for a happy and succesful 1996,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Webb', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

David Webb,
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