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Thank you so much for your very nice letter of 16th November last and my apologies for the long delay in replying.

I was sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your back and that this prevented you from attending the Members' General Meeting on 22nd November. I do hope that you are now better.

We had a very good meeting. Tuppy (Owens) thought it was the best she had ever been to and there was a very good level of discussion.

Although one of David Sullivan's business colleagues (a director of the Moore Harness magazine distributing company) came up with the kind offer of office space at one of his London premises, sadly we had to decline it since it was 'open plan' within their own offices and thus not nearly private enough for much of the work we are involved in, and also because we would have had access to it only during normal working hours. Any evening or weekend access would have been out, and this would have been far too restrictive for a voluntary campaign like ours. Nevertheless they are trying to come up with something else, so we live in hopes.

I am 65 in a month's time but, so far, able to continue to do the best I can at the helm of the campaign. A further episode in my five year long courts battle test case (customs) took place on 26th January when my Court of Appeal appeal was heard. Unfortunately the lawyers have 'buggered things up' yet again and, virtually on a legal technicality, the appeal was lost. I am now preparing my application to the House of Lords. This is unlikely to be granted but will at least then have cleared the decks of all British legal remedies open to me so that I can then take the matter to the European Courts. That will, of course, depend on whether or not I can raise sufficient funds. Lawyers (unfortunately!)

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must be used there.

Later on in the year, and before the next General Election, we plan to hold a public meeting in the big Conway Hall to mobilise support for our cause. I do hope you will be able to make that.

Do take care, and, once again, it was a pleasure to hear from you and your very kind thoughts.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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