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Dear Mike

With reference to your letter of 18 May which was discussed by the Artists' Films Committee at its meeting on 22 June. The Committee were enthusiastic about the idea in general and particularly about the possibility of a tour in the South West.

As I anticipated, there are one or two problems. Firstly, because of agreements reached at Council level between the Arts Council of Great Britain and the Scottish Arts Council on devolution we are not able to subsidise or fund Scottish residents. Consequently it would not be possible to fund Margaret Tait. Discussions have been taking place, specifically about Film-makers on Tour, in an attempt to find a way of extending the scheme to Scotland (and Wales). As yet the matter isn't resolved. It may help both your own plans and the situation in general if you were to contact the S A C directly. Lindsay Gordon, Art Assistant, S A C, is interested in the idea and the address is 19 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DF.

The second problem applies to Stewart Mackinnon. As his film 'Justine' has a B F I copyright it would not be possible to extend funding to showings of it. This applies to any films where the copyright resides in another funding organisation and not with the film-maker. Again, Film-makers on Tour has been discussed informally with the Production Board and interest has been expressed in some form of co-operation. As yet matters haven't progressed further than that and it may help if you contact Hilary Thompson direct.

With these two exceptions, and I feel the signs are hopeful that something can be worked out, the film-makers you are approaching can all be included in the scheme. I'd be interested to know if Anthony Scott is the 'Scotty' of old, incidentally.

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When the screenings are arranged I'd be grateful if you could send me a list of the participants' names and addresses so that I can deal with the necessary paper-work. I shall also be pursuing things with the S A C and B F I and I'll let you know of any developments.

Yours sincerely

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cc Lindsay Gordon
Hilary Thompson