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Dear John,

I would just like to recap on our phone conversation today.

From what I understood of my conversation with Judith Higginbottom, a South West Arts tour of NEW WAVE WOMEN could potentially be subsidised by the RAB if enough venues are interested in screening the package. Subsidy would take the form of covering a proportion of the hire fees for smaller venues who would otherwise not be able to afford renting the package. I am enclosing the list of possible venues recommended by Judith.

I believe a proposal of some kind needs to be submitted to Judith by a key venue in the South West who are happy to recommend a tour of the package. I thought that as Watershed are already screening the packages in June, it could act as a springboard for the other venues and would be good publicity for both Cinenova and yourselves.

I am not sure where to take it from here. I would imagine that Judith would have to agree to funding the tour before programmers at the venues could be approached. As I mentioned over the phone, I am happy to do all the leg work but need some guide lines from either you or Judith. Perhaps the RAB would also be interested in funding a speaker to attend some or all of the screenings. We are holding back on printing our publicity until we know if a tour is actually going to take place.

I think it is important for these films to be seen by audiences who would not normally have the chance or even the inclination to see them. It is not a "trendy" package, perhaps even taboo given the current state of affairs with feminism. But the films offer a good insight into women's experimental filmmaking over the past 15 years and include some seminal pieces. They are also entertaining, often humorous and really not

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fax 081 983 444 We really need to act swiftly on this so please contact me as soon as you have some more information re. RAB funding etc.

Thank you very much for helping us out with this!

Kind regards,

Liane Harris