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Dear Dave,

As I have not received a letter responding to my letter (29th July), I am writing this in response to a telephone conversation I had with you earlier this week (4th August). In that conversation you stated that your position was, for all practical purposes, the same as it had been the last time we had met. You added that if you were going to find me any money at all, you would have to get in touch with Malcolm LeGrice as soon as he got back from holiday which wouldn't be until September. You seemed doubtful that my position of needing to be paid for work done for the tour of 'A Camera of One's Own' and ordinary Umbrella business had any validity.

After some consideration and consultation and despite the fact that I find my self in an untenable position, I have decided to complete business on 'A Camera of One's Own' and the 'Soviet Package' as many commitments have been made to the film-makers, video artists, the designer for the broadsheet, the Regional Film Theatres and other venues, the BFI Distribution Library and Archives as well as the BFI Distribution section.

As you know, I am working to several deadlines in order to get the 'Soviet Package' and accompanying broadsheet to the venues in time for the proposed autumn tour (the first booking is 15th Oct). Unfortunately, Mike O'Pray has been on holiday this week and you have been unavailable for any meetings or further discussion by telephone because of your commitments this week at the Serpentine Gallery. I will be very happy to meet you and Mike at the beginning of next week as you mentioned that you would be away on holiday for several weeks after Wednesday.

Although I have decided to continue working for the Umbrella Scheme with no real prospect of being paid, this does not mean that I am at all satisfied with my situation. As soon as the holiday period is over, I intend to take my case further.

Yours Sincerely,

Cordelia Swann