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14th March, 1994.

Dear Alan,

Sorry not to have written to you sooner , but matters are now beginning to crystalise . Please find enclosed the letter which I have written to Mary Morris Mergenthal regarding the choice of hymns . I do hope that your committee will find them acceptable.

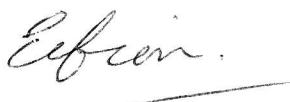
Also enclosed is the material which you requested - namely, a brief pen-picture and a photograph. I will send the concert programme to you by early/mid-April - if that is acceptable to your printing deadline

Susanne, Sophie and I are coming to Seattle a fortnight before the Choir . We are trying to get a timeshare booking in Birch Bay for a week and then possibly touring the area by car during the second week. We would have liked to stay on in Seattle after the Gymanfa, but we will have to return home on the Monday because of school - hence our early arrival in Seattle.

The Choir was singing in the Brit Awards at Alexandra Palace in London a fortnight ago . It was an unforgettable experience . We had a week to learn the song " Go West " ( appropriate for Seattle ! ) before singing it with the Pet Shop Boys . On the same stage during the Awards were Elton John , Meatloaf, Take That, Bon Jovi, and Dinah Carroll - quite a night ! We also appeared on Pebble Mill , a live T.V. programme on network B.B.C. on St. David's Day.

However, Seattle is looking fine . There is a new spirit of optimism within the Choir which augurs well for its future, and we are all looking forward avidly for the visit to the Pacific North-West.

Best wishes to you and Greta and family,



P.S. We changed our telephone number following a burglary at the house in November.

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Annwyl Mary,

Diolch am eich llythyr . I do hope that you are coping with that cold weather which you seem to have been experiencing . We start complaining here when the temperature begins to even approach a minus situation !

However, to more pressing matters . Please find enclosed the list of hymns which I have chosen for the evening session of the Gymanfa :

Opening	-	Diadem	13
Group 1	-	Llanfair	44
		Hyfrydol	15
		Rwy'n Canu..	65
		Mawlgan	105
Group 2	-	Rhydygroes	18
		Eirinwg	90
		Rhys	89
		Nes i Dre	49
Group 3	-	Crimond	76
		Maesgwyn	10
		Calon Lan	66
Group 4	-	Sandon	27
		In Memoriam	28
		Diolch i Ti	34
		Rachie	1

I am sorry that the proposed tour which the Choir thought of doing did not materialise. There were quite a number of choristers who could not get time off work for another longish tour following the Australian tour of last year . We were determined, however, to fulfil our commitment to Seattle and the Puget Sound Welsh Society and appear at the Gymanfa. Some of our boys now will be flying to Seattle on the Thursday, and returning to Wales on the following Monday - some week-end ! The Choir will be approximately 90 strong for the engagement

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Personally, I am looking forward to the occasion because my wife Susanne and our daughter Sophie will also be at the Gymanfa . We are flying out two weeks earlier, and hope to do some sightseeing prior to the Gymanfa week-end . It will also be wonderful to meet the many friends which we have made during our past visits.

The Choir's concert programme will be an evocation of " The Loud Hill of Wales " - a line taken from a poem by Dylan Thomas . We intend the programme to be a linking of narrative, solos, and choral items projecting the above theme .

It really is wonderful to have this opportunity again to take part in your annual festival . I can assure you that many of us are more thrilled at taking part in your Gymanfa than we would be in taking part in our own National Eisteddfod !

See you in September,

Cofion gorau,

D.Eifion Thomas