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Dear Mr Butterworth,

As agreed, I am writing to ask if there is any news about the points we discussed in our meeting last week concerning our forthcoming conference (Sept. 22 - 24).

1) We very much hope that you and your wife will be able to provide our evening meal on the 22nd and 23rd and also that you could cater for our special lunch (at around £5 per head, including a couple of glasses of wine) on the 23rd. If you cannot do this I should very much appreciate your suggestions and help to find alternative facilities within the University.

2) Is it worth pursuing the VAT question any further? As I explained, we feel legally and morally exempt from this odious imposition, but we do not want to become involved in any complicated accounting arrangements which would place an added burden on our Treasurer and on Professor Lomax's staff. Perhaps you would be kind enough to check once again with Mr Pake (?) whether we could not be billed direct by you, minus VAT.

3) I have gone back through our files and found that at our last residential conference (1976) there were some 40 staying in B and B and an average of 45 at meals, except for the special lunch on the Saturday when we were 53. These numbers are more in line with the revised estimate which I gave you when we met. For this year I anticipate a very slight increase, but I shall of course be able to give you a sounder estimate when I have sent out and had responses to the First Circular. I hope to complete this stage before the end of term and should therefore be most grateful to hear from you soon about the above matters. We can obviously discuss later details like the late trolley, sherry reception, arrangements for selling wine, etc.

Looking forward to hearing from you and thanking you for all your attention to date.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Yates