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Mr James McCafferty
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Dear Committee Member

Chairman's Social Evening, Thursday 30th August 2001

As is customary, I would like to invite you and your partner to a social evening to thank you for your support and encouragement during my year in office.

I would therefore be delighted if you could join Lynda and I for a glass of wine and a light buffet at Scotland's only World Heritage Church – Alexander 'Greek' Thomson's St. Vincent Street Church, Glasgow.

We will have the opportunity to see the interior of this splendid building which is currently undergoing refurbishment and I hope to be able to organise a short description of the works, and the importance of the building by Brian Park of Page and Park, our colleagues in the design team.

I hope you can be there.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Masterton
Gordon Masterton
Chairman

email To Gordon Masterton

Chairman's Social Evening 30.8.2001

Gordon,

*You and I are delighted to accept your invitation.
What time shall we turn up?*

Regards Jim.

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Dear

Many thanks for a most enjoyable evening at St Vincent Street Church on 30 August. The food, company and guides were excellent.

I first took an interest in St Vincent Street Church in the early 1960's when few but enthusiasts such as I, had heard of Mackintosh, far less 'Greek' Thompson.

My first opportunity to see inside was a few years ago when I attended the RIAS Conference in the Church. I have a strong recollection of a Japanese architect giving an illustrated talk on sculpture and buildings that whistled and moved with the wind. All this in Japanese with intermittent translation from an English speaking Japanese. The RIAS podium was set up in front of the pulpit. The juxtaposition of the sometimes strange lecturers on the futuristic podium in the monumental building surrounded by the exotic decoration was something to behold. It was pleasing to hear that so much effort is now going into the restoration and the removal of the inappropriate modifications.

You have had a good year in office but will no doubt be looking forward to a happy retirement.

With Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JPMcC', written in a cursive style.