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Dear Aleks and Agnieszka,

I hope that you are both well. I am delighted to say that I have now had the grant agreement through from IHRA regarding our successful project which will commence on the 1st July. Once I have reviewed this and pulled together the material that they need, I will of course send you a copy so that you can review it as well.

In order for us to make plans for the programme of work involved in the project, I would like to start arranging the study visit we planned for July. I believe you will be working with Steven near to Warsaw until the 7th July. Therefore, I am proposing that the study visit take place from the 8th-13th July in and around Oświęcim. I have spoken to Steven about this and he is available, and has kindly agreed to drive from Warsaw. Therefore, I wanted to confirm that you are also available to come down with him to participate? I hope you will be able to join us for this whole period but do let me know if this is an issue.

The project budget will cover all of your costs and I can make all of the bookings for accommodation for you whilst you are participating in the visit. If you could let me know as soon as possible whether you are able to join us, it would be appreciated so that I can begin to make reservations.

The purpose of the visit was listed in the original applications as follows:

Site survey visit to the Oświęcim region - Representatives from all project partner organisations will participate in a 5-day survey visit to the Oświęcim region in order to record evidence of cultural and physical genocide. The sites visited will include (though will not necessarily be limited to) cemeteries in Bielsko- Biała, Kęty, Cieszyn, Grodzisko Dolne, Katowice and Chrzanów. Data will be documented by the project team on a proforma developed during Stage 1 and 360 degree photographs will be taken at each of the cemeteries visited. This stage will also include a visit to the Oświęcim cemetery ahead of the fieldwork (Stage 4). During this visit, community group meetings and a social action project 1 planning meeting will take place with the project participants based in this region.

This was just a provisional list of places to visit and so if you have any further suggestions, then please do let me know.

We will also meet with the Director of the AJC on the afternoon of the 8th July and other project partner meetings will be arranged in due course.

During the trip, we will be joined by a film crew from my university who will be filming a taster video about Oświęcim. They have asked if you would be willing to do an interview with them and be on film whilst we are visiting sites. Do let me know if you are not comfortable with this. They will of course provide more information about what is required in due course. They plan to return to film us again in August but the idea is to film a taster than can be used to secure a commission for the film before then. Aleks - I was wondering whether you would be willing to bring your GPR with you so that they could film a provisional survey over one of the areas you believe contain mass graves for the film? It would also be useful to have it so that we could have some initial data to work on before we return with other equipment in August.

I will of course be sending around a full project working plan in due course with additional details of the Year 1 plans for the project, including our collaboration in August at Oświęcim. In the meantime, if you have any questions do let me know and please do let me know about the July visit as soon as you can,

I look forward to seeing you all soon and progressing with the project.

Best wishes

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