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Dear Ms Koukalova

### **Villa Benies, Litol nad Labem**

I was very interested in the article that appeared recently in Mlada Fronta Dnes about the Villa Benies and the progress that is steadily being made towards restoring it for the future.

In 2016 I met your colleagues, Jitka Fialova and Stanislav Svoboda and we discussed the situation as it existed then and how our organisation might try to help. Since our meeting I have been in touch with a number of organisations both in the UK and the Czech Republic, including the NPU and individuals who might be able to help, though this has not always produced a positive result.

I was therefore very pleased to read that progress is slowly being made with the help of the NPU and the Ministry of Culture. In 2018 I saw photographs that showed restoration work had been completed to the main roof.

Our organisation is very interested in the future of the Villa and I wonder if we might publish an article about the restoration and your future plans. Would you be able to supply me with some information that I could use in a short report for our next newsletter, which is due out in January? This might be an introduction to the Villa with a longer article in a future issue.

One of our members produced a short brochure about the Villa in 2016, which we have distributed to raise awareness and I have referred to the Villa in talks I have given about the conservation of historic buildings in the Czech Republic.

I am attaching a copy of our latest newsletter and the brochure for your information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Peter Jamieson

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