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Dear Robert,

European event proposal

I understand that the Caledonian Centre intend to make a proposal to the MG Car Club's European Committee meeting at Kimber House in October that you should host the main European event, probably in 2013. I am aware the European event has never been held in Scotland and that it is many years since it was held in England. In your email you mentioned that David Reid, Willy Scott, Jim Henderson and yourself have the responsibility of putting this proposal together, with the idea so far of making it a four night, five day event based possibly in Aviemore or Stirling with around 250 cars.

I know that over the last five years or so many V8 Register members have taken part in previous tours in the Scottish Highlands put on by the Caledonian Centre and that they have become very popular with a wide range of MG enthusiasts within our Club. The choice of base hotels and the routes your organising team has selected for each tour has been very good, providing participants with comfortable overnight accommodation at reasonable prices and wonderful sights on the routes and places to visit or stop for refreshment. The style of the events is relaxed enabling participants to take in particular sights or places of interest and also drive in ways that suit them rather than in convoys.

From the previous contacts I have had with the organising team it is clear the team members have good skills, capabilities and experience not only to plan and prepare the events well, but also to manage them and the inevitable challenges that can arise. I recall in April 2009 that a planned visit as a refreshment stop at the Woolen Mill in Spean Bridge as part of a Caledonian Centre tour had to be reorganised at short notice because the place had unfortunately burnt down. But in a characteristically calm way, David Reid arranged alternative refreshment options at Roy Bridge and Laggan Bridge. I also know the team is well used to managing tours when wet weather strikes – a not unusual feature in the NW Highlands as I know very well!

So on behalf of the V8 Register I am very pleased to offer our wholehearted support for your proposal for a tour in the Scottish Highlands as a European event for the MG Car Club. I am sure it will be well managed and very popular with MG enthusiasts and their family members within our Club in the UK and from Mainland Europe and Overseas.

Kind regards,

Victor Smith
V8 Chairman