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Mr. Richard Dring,
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House of Commons
Westminster
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Dear Richard:

Many thanks for your encouraging letter. I entirely agree with your comments. We have no intention of trying to create a travel or convention oriented organization. Indeed, it would be more expensive from a travel viewpoint for our British Columbia people to travel to Ottawa, for example, than it would be for you to travel here or vice-versa. (Air fares are peculiar that way).

It would be nice to get everybody together now and again, but certainly not on an annual basis. In the meantime, as you say, I am sure we would benefit considerably from an occasional newsletter or even newsbulletins, dispatched by any individual who has some development to report, addressed to the other members of the group.

At present we are busy investigating the changeover from reel-to-reel tapes to a cassette system and already are hoping to benefit from communication with other Hansard groups, by standardizing on a mutually acceptable piece of equipment.

I will keep you informed on progress of the Hansard association idea.

Sincerely,

Peter Brannan,
Chief of Hansard Reporting Service.