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Dear Mr. Moss,

I refer back to my letter of 31st March 1997 and the reply, signed by Ms Moira MacKay of 2nd May 1997, for which I thank you very much.

However it was a very unpleasant shock when I noticed that this letter was addressed to PIRAEUS, EGYPT....I never thought that a learned foundation as yours would make such an error.... However your letter arrived to me.

Looking at some old records, left by my father, a Glasgow University student at the beginning of this century, I decided to collect some of them, reprint them and send them to you, hoping that you will find them of interest.

The peculiarity about them I believe is the fact that they refer to the life and activities of, specifically, a young man from a foreign country, a GREEK student in Glasgow, during the period of the 1st World War days.

The enclosed memos start with his Greek "Laisser passer" (passport) of the days and through various letters, documents, songs of the days, photos of the engineering lab, "List of Degrees, copy of the B.Sc. degree (the original is with me) and they end with the passenger list for his final return to Greece.

Please note that my father used to keep a diary of his day by day life (in Greek), which is extremely interesting, noting University life and Glasgow social events, names and addresses etc. Just representative extracts are noted herebelow.

In those days Greeks studying in Glasgow were :

- S. Kagias, Mechanical engineering
- L. Kazezis, Electrical "
- A. Kypriotis, " "

- S. Barbitsiotis, " "
- ?. Ypodimatas " "
- A. Zervos, Civil " (RTC)
- A. Diamantidis, Mechanical " "
- D. Diamantis, ? (RTC)
- J. Laskaris, Naval Architecture

A prominent Greek family, living in Glasgow, was the Tombazis family, of 7 Victoria circus, which I met when I was studying in Glasgow during the 1950 - 55 period.

Senior Tombazis was Hon. Consul of Greece in Scotland.

At the beginning of 1918 a Foreign Students Foyer was established, at 93 Douglas street.

Its Executive Committee consisted of :

- President Tore Blomberg (Finland)
- Vice-President Du Pre (France)
- Secretary H. Eirikson (Iceland)
- Treasurer A. Philippou (Greece)
- Warden ?. Traube (Russia)

The above are, I hope, a small but possibly unique contribution to your archives.

The undersigned studied Naval Architecture and Mechanical Engineering; I was a student of Prof. Robb and Small.

With best regards

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Dear Mr Philippou

Thank you very much for your letter of 29 March enclosing photocopies of your father's days at Glasgow University. These are quite fascinating and they are indeed an unique contribution to our archival holdings. They will be of great value to the University as they prepare to celebrate the 550th anniversary of the University's international role in higher education.

Many thanks once again for taking the trouble of sending us this material.

Yours sincerely

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