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Dear Ian

Thank you for your correspondence on the St Andrew's Society of Los Angeles' 90th anniversary year. I sincerely hope that this letter finds you and your members' well, amidst the challenges facing us all during this Coronavirus pandemic.

On behalf of the people of Scotland and the Scottish Government, I would like to congratulate and thank your society and its members, for the 90 years of service and charitable works you have undertaken. Your work within Los Angeles and here in Scotland embodies our shared Scottish values of community and generosity. It bears witness to the strength of our connections, whether our Scottish links are through family and friends or through a fondness for our wonderful country.

As the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic will prevent you from celebrating this anniversary in person together, we send our solidarity to you from Scotland. By taking measures now to stay apart, we are protecting each other in the knowledge that we will meet again soon. I hope your members and communities stay safe during this time.

I also hope we can continue to work together to maintain and develop the strong connection that exists between our nations and I thank you again for your good works on behalf of Scotland.

Best wishes

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