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Dear Chris:

Last Wednesday at the meeting of Hand Bookbinders of California I brought up the subject of the possibility of your coming to SF and that you might be persuaded to give a week's seminar in vellum binding -- for a fee. There were 15 hands up and only a part of the membership were there. So you see it is now up to you. The seminar could take place in 1974 or early part of 75 which ever is best for you. I do hope you can manage it. We talked it over (Bob Futernick & I) and we have a possible plan to offer. You may have other ideas. Here it is:

A five day course with every subscriber present at the first session where you would talk, show film & demonstrate by doing a limp vellum binding and/or covering over boards. It's a lot to ask but I think if the stage is set, ie: book already sewn, boards cut, etc. it could be done. ????? The group would then be divided into fives, that is five for a morning session and five for an afternoon session, from 9am to 12 and from 2pm to 5. Each student would be required to have a book ready to be sewn and extra paper for end and fly leaves. (So that these could be made as you do, zig-zag or other methods) They would have to bring their own tools and sewing benches etc.

*or show film
in evening*

We would have to have vellum available to SF then give you, name - address the binders I can start the search. I have written to N. Elzas & Zone Ltd in Ireland but no success. Bands?

Bob has offered to put you up for the nights so no hotel expenses.
You could have lunch here with me and then a rest. We could guarantee
\$ 1,000.00. Does this make sense to you?

They all seemed very keen about working under your directions.
I do hope it will be feasible. Let me know so that here we can start
to formulate a more concrete plan and send out printed announcements
and get deposits.

It was nice to see and talk to you at Cooperstown, and to meet other
bookbinding friends BUT ^{not} worth all the money and effort to get there,
atleast for me. Only if we manage~~x~~ to get you to come to S^k will
^{be} I glad I went.

Greetings to Conagh.

Affectionetly,