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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm getting in touch to make you aware of a television series that Gadabout Films Ltd (subsidiary of Tern Television Productions) are making for BBC Scotland, called *Grand Tours of Scotland's Rivers*. It is a 6-part nature and history documentary series led by Paul Murton, which follows five of Scotland's rivers from their source to the sea, discussing historic events that have taken place on their banks, as well as featuring interesting personalities and noteworthy locations.

As part of our episode on River Nith, we visited New Cumnock and the site of the Knockshinnoch mining disaster that happened on 7th September 1950. We interviewed a family member of one of the survivors and learned about the tragic events that took place there.

I wanted to write to you to make you aware of the upcoming broadcast and to assure you that we have produced the programme with the gravity of these events and the effect they had on the local community in mind. The interview recounts the chronological events and we have supplemented it with historic archive footage to better convey the scale and the impact of the tragedy.

We do not name the victims or survivors and in no way do we aim to cause either surviving family members or the wider community any further upset.

We anticipate this episode (episode 4) will air on WED 1 DEC, 2021 on BBC 1 Scotland, however, schedules can always be subject to late changes.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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