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909 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Attention: Darwin Porter

RE: The Old Manor, Carnoustie

Dear Mr. Porter:

During the past two weeks, my husband and I traveled around both Ireland and Scotland, staying in seven B&Bs along the way. For 35-40 euros per person or 35-40 pounds per person we expected friendly service, a comfortable queen size bed, a relatively updated ensuite bathroom and a traditional breakfast with toast and fruit. For the most part, our expectations were met; however, one B&B stood out from the rest in every respect.

The Old Manor in Carnoustie provided accommodations that were far superior to any of the B&Bs (and any of the six hotels) we stayed in. After being warmly welcomed and assisted to our room by Margaret and Roy Coates, we were pleasantly surprised wherever we turned. A former manse, The Old Manor is exceptionally spacious, elegant, updated and comfortable and obviously designed as a house for guests. After spending several days in other B&Bs' spare bedrooms, the difference was remarkable.

Thinking that our stay couldn't get any better, Mrs. Coates proved us wrong by providing a breakfast fit for celebrities. Not only was the traditional breakfast available, there was a large selection of pastries/breads, fruits, meats, cereals and beverages, a perfect way to begin the day and prepare us for the Carnoustie Golf Links which are just five minutes away. Had we not already scheduled to be at another B&B the next day, we would not have hesitated to stay another night at The Old Manor. At 30 pounds per person, the decision would have been incredibly easy.

No doubt I could express our accolades over many more pages, but instead I have enclosed some brochures I obtained from The Old Manor for your perusal. My original intent was to show this material to my friends in case they were traveling to Scotland. My hope, however, is that a description of the B&B reaches a much larger audience through *Frommer's Scotland* so that The Old Manor gets the recognition that it unquestionably deserves.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail.

Regards,

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