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11 December 1986

Mr M B Davidson
Clerk to the Bailies of Bennachie
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Dear Mr Davidson

Thank you for your letter of 3 December. I must apologise for your original letter of 7 July not being acknowledged. I have looked into the case and what happened was that our Forest District Manager and Area Land Agent who deal with Bennachie were asked to comment on your letter which they did but, for some reason, no reply was sent to you until you telephoned on 10 September when we replied that we did not wish to sell the Bennachie Tops at the present time.

I believe Mr Marnie has explained why we do not wish to sell this area. There would also be the problem from your point of view that as there are adjacent land owners, we could not negotiate a sale direct with the Bailies.

If you still feel that you would wish to raise further points, I would be willing to meet you to discuss these sometime in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

J Ferguson

p.l J Atterson
Conservator