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Mr J. Atterson
The Conservator
Forestry Commission
Conservancy Office (North)
21 Church Street
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Dear Mr Atterson,

Thank you for your letter of 11th December 1986, regarding our interest in acquiring the High Tops of Bennachie.

Although we fully appreciate the reasons given by Mr Marnie, for not wishing to sell land on the Hill at this time, you will no doubt understand our concern for the long-term protection of this important area. We greatly appreciate what the Commission has done to preserve the amenity of the Hill and would like to see it remain in your ownership. Unfortunately, this is not an ideal world and it seems perfectly possible that the Commission could be forced to sell more land to the private sector and such events tend to happen too swiftly for voluntary organisations to react effectively.

We would be very pleased if you could find the time to talk to a few of us, about this matter in the New Year. If you could suggest a few dates which would suit you, I will try and find one which is mutually convenient. Thank you for your interest.

yours sincerely

Clerk