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THE BAILIES OF BENNACHIE

August 5 1990

The Conservator  
Forestry Commission  
Church Street  
INVERNESS

Dear Sir,  
INFORMATION LEAFLET ON BENNACHIE AND GORDON WAY

On October 6 1989 I lent a number of my Bennachie slides to the Commission through the Huntly office for possible use in the above leaflet. In mid-February at a meeting here with Mr Chris White of Gordon District Council and Norman Davidson of the Forestry Commission I was shown prints of the slides to be used and it was agreed that I would provide textual information regarding Bennachie for the leaflet which was to be produced for the opening of the eastern section of the Gordon Way in May 1990.

I dropped everything else and spent a number of hours, even working into the early morning to meet a "deadline". I asked if the slides would be required again and was assured they would not be so they were returned to my extensive collection of "not very well filed slides".

The months passed and since the opening of the Way the Tourist Information Office in Inverurie has been besieged with people asking for information. They are finding it all very embarrassing and along with the rest of the Bailies I am annoyed and disappointed, my annoyance reaching an all-time high when today I was approached by your Huntly office asking for five of the slides again and informing me that the text has still not been finalised.

Up until now I have been happy to give of my time and talents free of charge for the benefit of all who enjoy walking on the hill. As you know the Commission and the Bailies have had a very happy relationship. However, an inexcusable incident like this is threatening to jeopardise the relationship and if we were to be treated like this again I can assure you that the co-operation would be withdrawn.

I would be grateful if you would make the contents of this letter known to whoever is responsible for the delay as well as to their superiors.

Yours faithfully

James R. MacKay