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Dear Mr Stallard

Many thanks for your letter of 12 March 1994, and I note the encouraging response you have had from SNH.

Just for the record, I explained to you at the meeting that Bennachie was not on our disposals list, and that we regard the unplanted tops as an integral part of the whole forest and not something we would wish to sell separately. However, I suggested that I could not rule out entirely the possibility that as a result of the outcome of the Government's present review of forestry, we might be required to sell the area. If that proves to be the case I shall be happy to pick up with you again the matter of a sponsored sale.

Yours sincerely

G J Hamilton Regional Director