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my Dear Sir,

Please accept my apology for not writing
for some time. I phoned at once but you have now
no phone in your house.

Do please accept my, my wife's, very
heartiest congratulations on your honours.

I reckon, without any flattery or exaggeration,
that the work you have done in the nursery is
as big as anything carried out in forestry in these
past 50 years.

Your machine (being only) apart from
everything else is a miracle affair. Your honour
is highly deserved; I hope you live long to
enjoy it.

I have been hearing rumours about
Ledmore. Is it to be given up? also I
want to hear from you your quite straight
honest opinion of it as a tree growing site.
Is there anything fundamentally wrong with it?

Could you improve ^{for} much or ^{by} any on
a new site & do you know of one yet?

I gather you retired in June this year. Also
I noted that you did not start with no at
monaughty till you were 18. I always recall
was the opinion that you started straight
from school. What year did you start?
Was I at monaughty when you did start?

I had a note from G. Gilbert this
morning & he retires in Feb 1970, but
it seems that the case of you forsters is
going up to higher levels & that may be
a change. I hope that is because 60 is
far too young to retire. Should not you
write a treatise on nursery work - detailing
¹⁹¹ what ^{not} to do & ¹⁹¹ what to do.

Regards & best wishes to you wife &
myself for 1969 & keep. Yours truly James Cairns