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Dear Dr Ross

I refer to our correspondence dated 4 October and 28 October 2024 respectively. I enclose here the short report, as requested by the King, on the key risks and threats in Scotland's uplands today, with some proposed solutions for upland management, including potential roles for Balmoral.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to meet with His Majesty to explore the vision and the ideas we have shared. We envisage this as a small informal meeting with two or three of us. If appropriate, the format of the walk in the Scottish Highlands might provide a helpful and enjoyable way of enabling us to explore these issues. I would be delighted to work with you to secure a suitable slot in the King's diary for his summer 2025 visit to Balmoral if that were possible.

We look forward to working with the Balmoral Estate, the Royal Household and His Majesty on these important issues at this crucial time.

Yours sincerely

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