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Dear Elizabeth,

A belated letter of thanks to you for your much appreciated "behind the scenes" support both before and during my 1987 work. I have delayed writing to you because I was aware that I was going to have to ask yet another favour of you, which is set out below and on the attached papers.

Essentially:

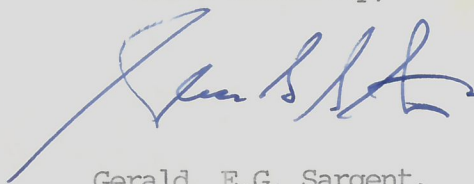
a) As I fund my own research, with some help from Industry, I rely upon formal recognition of the bona fides of my work by the Income Tax Department in order that such work becomes tax deductible, thus cushioning an otherwise impossible burden. Without this my work cannot proceed.

b) The Government has recently introduced a new computerised system which requires that all expenditure be "Substantiated". I have therefore to substantiate my research claims, and such verification can best take the form of an opinion expressed by an member of one's peer group, familiar with the research. This, notwithstanding that prior to my leave I had to submit and have rigorously assessed a detailed research proposal, only when approved is such leave granted.

I append a resume of my work in the Lakes to date. I have taken the liberty of drafting a letter setting out the essential format. If you could use this as a basis, adding a paragraph expressing your qualified valuation of the work, as a Professional Scientist at the FWBA, I would be most grateful. If you could send it to me, I can then append verified copies to my 1-7-86 to 30-6-87 and my 1-7-87 to 30-6-88 Tax Returns.

I look forward to my next "session" on the Lakes, I know not when at this time, hopefully sooner than later.

Yours sincerely,



Gerald. E.G. Sargent.

PS. Could you please send me a photocopy of the paper Howells (?) wrote on the first seismic survey I did for him (when at Hunting Surveys) sometime in the 60's. I have mislaid my copy, and long ago lost touch with him.