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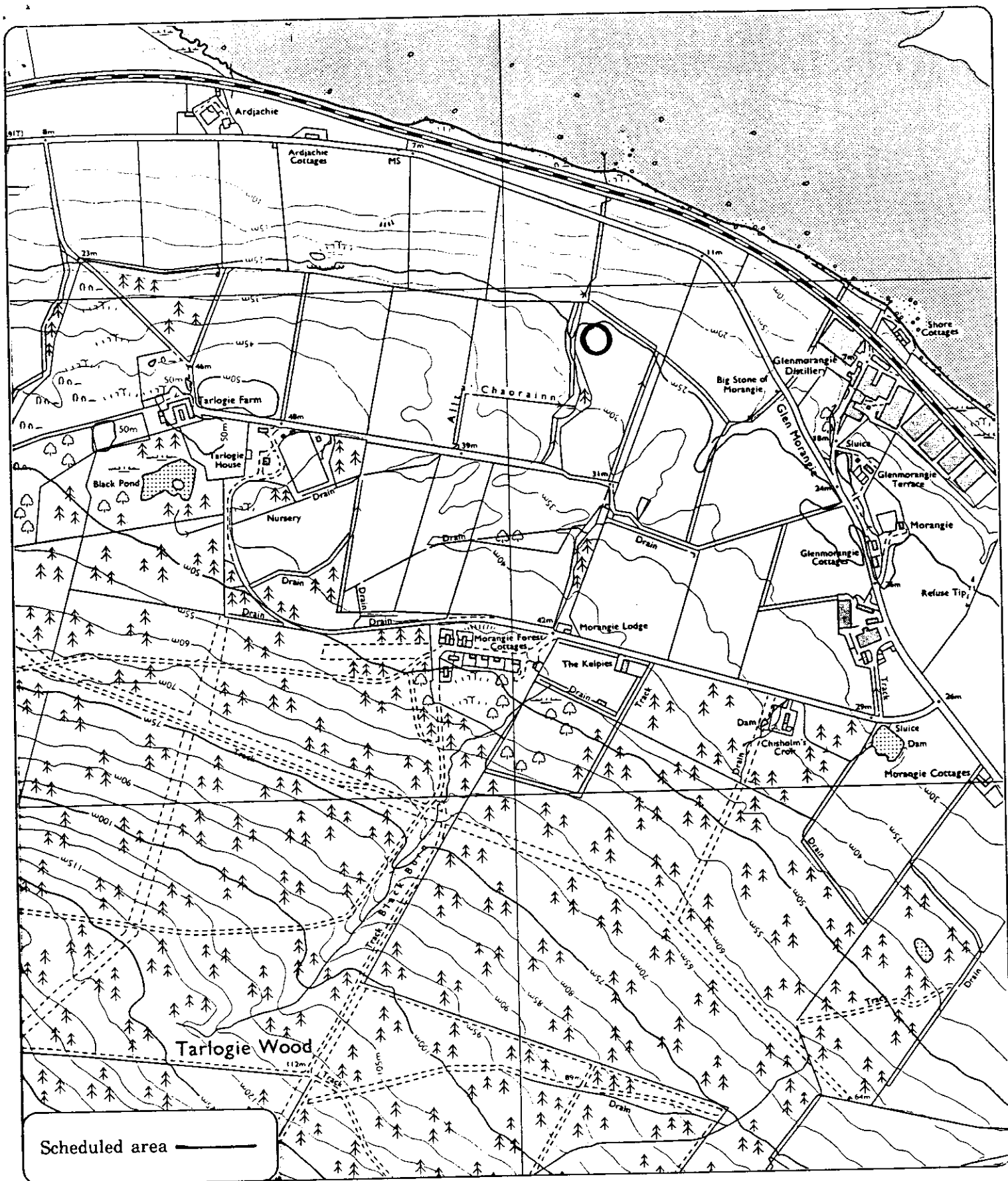
Re: The Monument known as
Tarlogie Farm, dun 800m E of

in the Parish of Tain and
County of Ross and Cromarty

File Ref:

Solicitor
to the
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for Scotland
New St Andrew's House
Edinburgh

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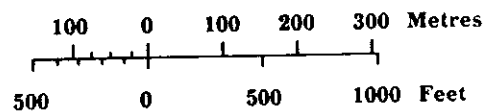
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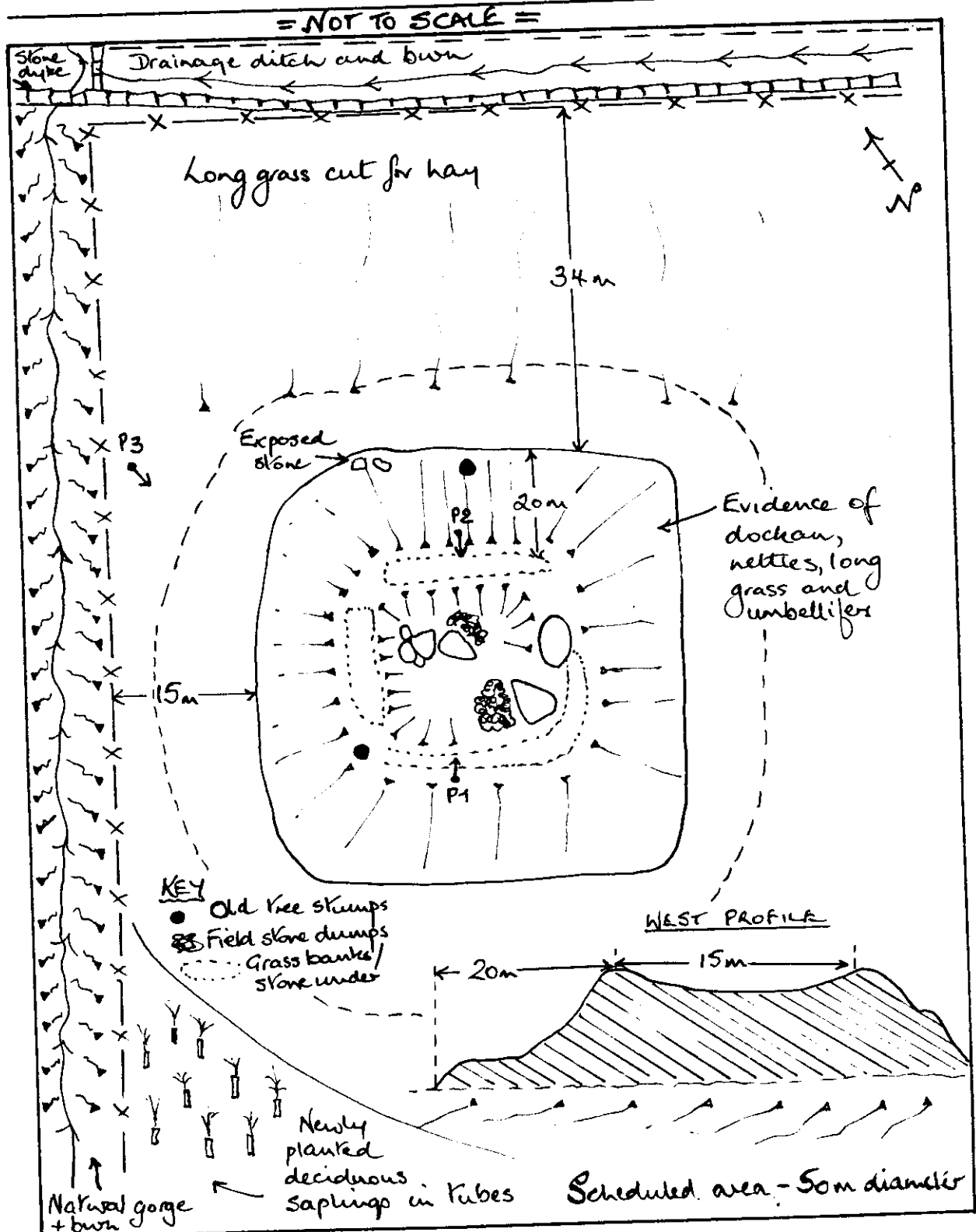
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Monument TARLOGIE FARM, DUN 800m E of

Region HIGHLAND: 6 District ROSS + CROMARBY: 6

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Region 6/HIGHLAND

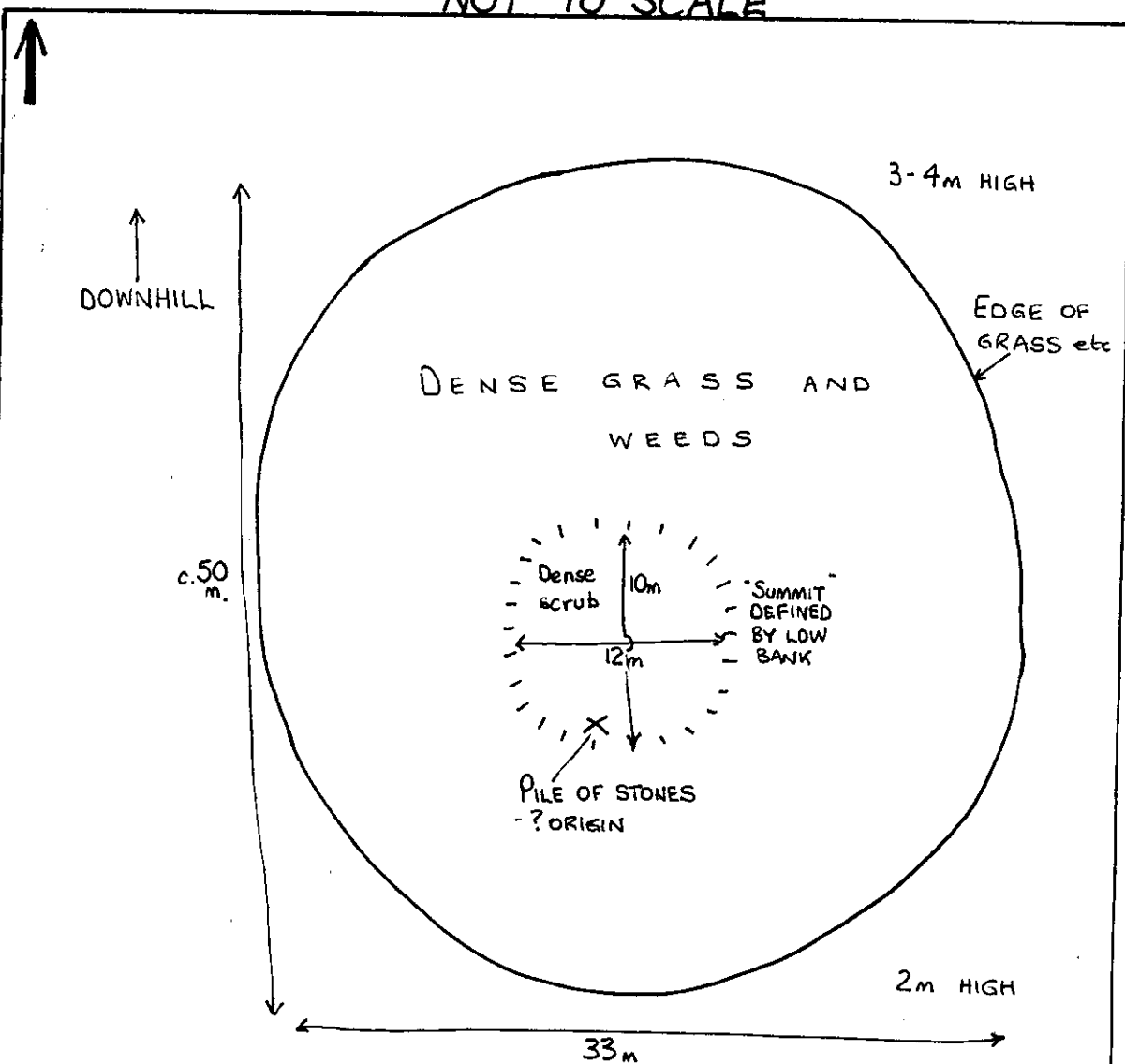
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NOT TO SCALE



CULTIVATED FIELD

SCHEDULED AREA = 50m DIAMETER



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14 December 1989

Dear Mr MacDonald

TARLOGIE DUN, TAIN

I promised to write to confirm our discussions during our visit to the above site. I have delayed responding until I was able to check for other monuments on your land at Tarlogie. I can now confirm that there are no other monuments known within the boundaries of your property there.

You could adopt different approaches to the monument depending on the amount you wish to invest. The minimalist approach would be to tidy the monument up more or less as it is, removing the recent stone dumping in the interior and treating the vegetation to improve the grass cover. The monument would then look rather better than it does at the moment. An interpretative board could be used to explain the site, using reconstruction drawings of this type of site.

At the other end of the scale you could consider proper and complete excavation of the site, to give you a proper history of the development of the site and accurate plans on which to base reconstruction drawings. As this would be a research excavation on a protected site, work would have to be carried out to the highest modern standards and adopting the panoply of appropriate scientific techniques to recover the maximum information about the date, environment and economy of the site. Full costs of excavation, post-excavation and scientific analysis and final publication by qualified archaeologists would have to be met. In addition the display of any suitable remains would involve consolidation costs.

A middle course might be to conduct a trial excavation to assess the potential of the site, with further work as necessary to define its limits better than at present. This would require the same type of professional input as full excavation from work in the field to publication of the results.

My advice would be to consider what you could do without any excavation. I think you could achieve a lot by setting the site in the context of the archaeology of the wider area of Tain, which might be attractive to more people, and using imaginative interpretative techniques to explain the site itself. A survey of the monuments in the area could probably be achieved fairly easily, and there is evidence from excavated sites of this type elsewhere to make this course feasible. I think it would also be interesting to research the histories of the two farmsteads



at Tarlogie and Morangie and link these with the dun into a history of the development of your property, against the wider background of Tain.

Any work on the site will, of course, require scheduled monument consent and archaeological supervision. I mentioned the name of Gill Harden to you as a local archaeologist who could combine a knowledge of monuments with experience of interpretative displays. Gill is currently with Inverness Museum, but it is possible that she would be available for work such as this after April: her phone number is Inverness 237114. If you wish to take matters further another meeting involving both Gill and Robert Gourlay, the Highland Regional Archaeologist, would be useful. Meanwhile I have had the scheduled area marked out on the ground to protect during ploughing as we agreed.

Finally, I recall that you mentioned your recent acquisition at Balintore. I will be happy to check your property for monuments if you wish.

I look forward to hearing further from you. Please contact me meantime if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

DR LESLEY MACINNES
Principal Inspector of Ancient Monuments