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936 MAP = NGR = STATUS = Congash, two symbol stones 500m SE of
RECORDER = SB VISIT_DATE = 27-AUG-90 VISIT NO = 01
CONTACT_OWNER = Y IN_PERSON = N OWN REC OK N CONTACT
OCCUPIER Y IN_PERSON = Y OCCUPIER RECORD OK N OWNER AWARE = Y
OCCUPIER AWARE = Y AT_RISK = N PROPORTION SCHEDULED = 6
ADEQUATE AREA = Y DAMAGE = Y Weathering; cattle rubbing (minor);
continuing. SCHEDULED AREA LAND USE = 6 38 UNSCHEDULED AREA
LAND USE = SURROUNDING AREA LAND USE = 3 10 3 40 RECORD_DATE =
26-SEP- 90

Two stones standing vertically on the southern side of the chapel enclosure, seeming to mark an entrance. They are aligned north-south. The smooth marked faces of the stones face inwards. The eastern stone is weathered and lichen-encrusted so that the markings are all but indecipherable, save one symbol in the lower right hand corner. The western stone is partly lichen-encrusted; the symbol on the lower part of the stone is quite clear, that above is less so, mainly because of the lichen. The cattle rubbing has not affected the marked faces of the stones. Judging by a report read in Highland Region Archaeologist's office, the stones have changed little during the last 85 years, apart from having become partly buried. The stones are scheduled and are within the scheduled area of the chapel. Cattle grazing in the field commonly wander across the chapel area but the stones seem little affected by this activity. The field provides silage in summer and is used for grazing (by cows) during the rest of the year.

936 MAP = NGR = STATUS =SN Congash, symbol stones RECORDER =S
Bardwell VISIT_DATE =03-AUG-92 VISIT NO=02 CONTACT_OWNER=Y
IN_PERSON =Y OWN REC OK Y CONTACT OCCUPIER Y IN_PERSON=Y
OCCUPIER RECORD OK Y OWNER AWARE=Y OCCUPIER AWARE =Y
AT_RISK =Y PROPORTION SCHEDULED = 6 ADEQUATE AREA = Y
DAMAGE =Y Fairly recent excavation; trench about 0.4m deep, 2m long,??1.5m
wide, well below level of turf, to reveal full extent of??symbols on both stones.
SCHEDULED AREA LAND USE = 6 38 UNSCHEDULED AREA LAND USE =
SURROUNDING AREA LAND USE = 4 39 2 08 RECORD_DATE = 18-SEP- 92

The symbols revealed are very clear and distinct. Neither the occupier nor the owner of the site had any idea of who was responsible for the excavation. Visitors occasionally call at the nearby farm to ask permission to visit the site, but it can easily be reached without going to and out of sight of the farm. The damage was reported to Dr. R. Hingley on 5/8/92 and a site visit made by him and the writer on that day.

936 MAP = NGR = STATUS =SN Congash, symbol stones RECORDER =S
Bardwell VISIT_DATE =27-SEP-95 VISIT NO=03 CONTACT_OWNER=Y
IN_PERSON=Y OWN REC OK Y CONTACT OCCUPIER Y IN_PERSON=Y
OCCUPIER RECORD OK Y OWNER AWARE=Y OCCUPIER AWARE =Y
AT_RISK =Y PROPORTION SCHEDULED = 6 ADEQUATE AREA = Y
DAMAGE =Y SCHEDULED AREA LAND USE = 5 38 1 09 UNSCHEDULED
AREA LAND USE = SURROUNDING AREA LAND USE = 3 09 3 40
RECORD_DATE = 22-DEC- 95

SCHEDULED AREA The scheduled area is adequate and correctly located.
DESCRIPTION The stones lie in the S "wall" of the SAM Congash, chapel and burial ground, about 1.5m apart; the carved sides are facing and stand about 1m above ground level. The Pictish symbols in the W stone are clearly visible, those on the E stone are much less obvious. **CONDITION OF SITE** A probable excavation about 15cm deep and 20cm wide extended along the E side of the W stone for its full length; turf had been cut away on the outer side of the stone. The E stone was undisturbed. About 2 years ago the area between the two stones was excavated to a depth of some 15cm, exposing symbols on the W stone hitherto long buried. Eventually, earlier this year, the hole was covered with plastic and backfilled, under SMC. This work has stabilised and appears to be satisfactory. The occupier and owner were notified of the interference found on the present visit; the occupier undertook to carefully backfill the gaps, with local soil, as soon as possible. He reported that people commonly visit the site (even to his knowledge, the stones not being readily visible from his farm) and appear to know about the stones. It is proposed to visit the site again early next year. **MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS** No further requirements, apart from the minor backfilling noted above, for the time being.