

29th March, 1982.

Mr. B. Philp,
CIB Archaeological Rescue H.Q.,
Dover Castle,
Kent.

Dear Mr. Philp,

I thank you for your letter of the 25th March and have a vivid recollection of your major rescue excavation carried out in 1974.

I have no objection to you taking further measurements to complete your report but would ask you to 'phone my wife at the above number to let her know which day this will be carried out.

I would certainly be very interested in receiving a volume of your publication when this is available.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. McDowall



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Dear Mr. McDowell,

I am sure that you will recall our major rescue-excavation on the Royal Palace site at Otford in 1974. Since then we have worked steadily on the many finds and shortly will complete a large report for publication. In the meantime we have also had to deal with very many other urgent situations.

Now to complete our final report on the work we must visit the area again and hope to take some simple overall measurements. I wonder if we may have your consent to measure across the pastures beyond the footpath? I seem to recall that these were your property. The work would only take one or two week-days and we should not need to disturb you.

We shall be making full acknowledgement to all those who helped our work in 1974, though even this wont satisfy the two unhappy jealous souls who caused so much bother before! On publication the Unit will be most happy to present you with a volume.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Brian Philp

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