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PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

August 28, 1939

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(signed) WARD SHEPARD

Petersham, Mass
Aug 29, 1937.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

More than I can say, I regret the necessity of your writing to us a ~~departing~~ letter of official leave-taking.

That we all have profited greatly during your association with us is self-evident. Your philosophy of approach to the problem of making forestry ^{go to} work broadened our view, and I hope ^{we} will make some contribution to the success which ~~we~~ ^{your office} must have if forestry is to be a working factor in land use.

Now ~~much~~ ^{greatly} I appreciate your work in carrying my own program over the difficulty of 1936 you surely must know.

I will always remember your help with deep appreciation. ~~Even now, in moments of~~ ^{the thought of} discouragement, ~~I remember~~ your courage ~~when you are not here, as during the last few~~ ^{weeks} ~~years~~ heartens me.

I hope that ~~even~~ ^{your} ~~are not~~ ^{connected} ~~connected~~ ^{will} ~~be shown~~ ^{be shown} by frequent visits. ^{shows when Charlotte and I leave or return,} Whenever you are ⁱⁿ Petersham, I ~~hope~~ ^{hope} ~~you~~ ^{you} will ~~feel~~ ^{feel} ~~very~~ ^{very} welcome, ~~at our house, as long~~ ^{at our house, as long} as you ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ Petersham.

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With kindest regards to you and Mr. Shepard,