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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Cat sighting and loss of livestock
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Afternoon [REDACTED]

I received a call from Dyfed Powys Police this morning. They'd received a call from a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was reporting that he'd lost some animals and had seen a large fawn coloured cat at the top of his property. The cat was walking the fence, stopped and jumped over the fence and disappeared into an overgrown area. This was approximately 300m away from [REDACTED]

I phoned [REDACTED]

This morning, he found some of his geese had been killed and one had been eaten – geese are kept in a compound surrounded by 8' security fencing. Also one of his Shetland ewes is missing and one of the rams has got blood all over his face and is in shock. He saw a large fawn coloured cat walking the boundary at the top of his holding. Cat stopped and then just jumped over the fence. Fence is an ordinary boundary fence with livestock netting and barbed wire. [REDACTED] estimated that the cat came approximately ½ way up the fencing posts (so around 2' high?). He didn't see a tail, only that it looked cat-like.

Compound where geese are kept is surrounded by high security fencing with a barbed wire on top. I've asked whether he can walk along the compound to see if there's any hairs caught on the barbed wire. Similarly look for hairs caught on barbed wire along the fence where he saw the 'cat'. I've also asked that he take some photos of the ram and email them to me.

Can you please visit the site and have a look round? If this ewe has been attacked, killed and carried away then I would expect to see some evidence in the field – trail of wool, blood on the ground, bits of wool caught on top of the fences or scuff or drag marks if the ewe has been dragged under a gate – [REDACTED] mentioned that there is a gate in the field which the animal could have got under.

I haven't received any reports of sightings in that area or of farmers losing livestock – have you?

Give me a ring if you want to discuss – I should be in all afternoon.

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