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Sir,

Accident to CANSO A.11062 on 29th July, 1944.

Your report on the above accident has been brought to my notice, and I should like to express my appreciation of your conduct, and that of your colleagues on Foulis, in rescuing the one survivor of the tragedy.

Your courage and speedy action in going to the scene in spite of dangers from fire, exploding ammunition, and the difficulty of climbing the mountain in fog, probably saved the airman's life, and certainly saved him much suffering...and exposure.

You may be interested to know that the aircraft was returning from an operational patrol against the U-Boat when the weather deteriorated and made necessary a landing away from his normal base.

I should be glad if you will bring the sense of this letter to the notice of all the others concerned in the rescue and express my own gratitude and that of the Royal Air Force. It is heartening to know that we can rely on such gallant rescues being made.

Yours sincerely  
S.P. Simpson

Mr David Grew  
Deputy Coastguard  
Foulis

Naval Officer in Charge  
Leornick 21st Aug 1944

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Office of Catalina Aircraft on Foulis 29th July 1944

Mr Jones,

Thank you for your letter of 16th August enclosing a copy of Mr Grew's report on the crashing of a Catalina Aircraft on Foulis 29th July 1944.

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