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Dear Mr Crichton

Many thanks for your letter of 19 May enclosing the boxes of 37 glass mounted slides of the Ballincollig gunpowder mills site.

Although I have not visited the site I have been in touch with the Commanding Officer of the adjacent Army camp, Mr George Kelleher, a local resident with a keen interest in the site who has been campaigning for its conservation and Mr Brendan Kelleher (no relation to George!) who is Senior Executive (Planning) of the Cork County Council and has produced a 24 page booklet entitled "Gunpowder Mills - Ballincollig.

Your slides have now provided that touch of colour and reality to the cold factual material which I had earlier and I do appreciate your having gone to the trouble of sending them to me.

Please let me know the reproduction and the mounting costs to which should be added the 66p for postage so that we may reimburse your expenses.

Yours sincerely

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19th May 1986.

Dear Mr. McLaren,

In September or October 1985 I telephoned you and offered you copies of slides I had taken of the remains at Ballincollig. I must apologise for the long delay but I trust that you will find the enclosed of some interest. I understand that the quality of the copies is very low but can be improved upon.

The Site (which is fenced) was only entered after a failed attempt to contact the local Garda and confirmation had been obtained from the local garrison that entry was acceptable to the authorities.

Indeed these actions were not required as during our visit we learned that a number of the locals exercise their dogs at the site

and that the fencing was believed to be there to prevent small children straying into the area.

The first few photographs show the general location with N°7 being of the wall beside the river. The photographs thereafter are of the remains which, as you can see, are considerably overgrown. Regrettably the demands of the rest of the family to return to more holiday-like pastimes prevented a more detailed inspection.

Yours Sincerely

A. Timothy Crichton
(A. T. CRICHTON).