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INVERNESS-SHIRE CONSTABULARY.

COUNTY CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS
THE CASTLE

WILLIAM FRASER,
CHIEF CONSTABLE.

INVERNESS . 15th August, 1938.

Our Ref. WF/IM.
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Sir,

The Loch Ness Monster.

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In my reply to this correspondence, dated 23rd Nov., 1933, I indicated the only step which the Police could usefully take, was to warn the people resident in the neighbourhood and as many as possible of the visiting public, that the preservation of the Monster was desired.

It has now come to my notice, that a Mr. Peter Kent and Miss Marion Stirling, both of London, are determined to catch the Monster dead or alive.

Mr. Peter Kent visited Fort Augustus on Friday, 12th August, and was seen there by my Officer stationed at Fort Augustus, to whom he stated that he was having a special harpoon gun made and that he was to return with some twenty experienced men on the 22nd of August for the purpose of hunting the Monster down.

That there is some strange ~~fish~~ ^{creature} in Loch Ness seems now beyond doubt, but that the Police have any power to protect it is very doubtful. I have, however, caused Mr. Peter Kent to be warned of the desirability of having the creature left alone, but whether my warning will have the desired effect or not remains to be seen.

If you have any suggestion to make or can offer any guidance in the matter, I shall be grateful.

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Your obedient servant,
William Fraser
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The Under Secretary of State,
Scottish Office,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

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