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D. B.L.,

In my letter of 6 September 2014 I gave approval for the Maritime Heritage Foundation to proceed with the next phase of the agreed Project Design for management of the wreck site of HMS VICTORY 1744.

As you are aware that decision is now subject to a claim for Judicial Review which raised a number of concerns. As such, I have decided to withdraw this approval and retake the decision after further consideration of the issues raised by the Judicial Review. I anticipate this will bring the current Judicial Review proceedings to an end.

I understand that the Marine Maritime Organisation is still considering the licence application and that a decision is not expected before the end of March.

I will write to you again as soon as I am in a position to do so.

Yours etc,

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