

## E-mail 1

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From: [Parks Canada]  
Sent: 12 November 2014 15:26  
To: [FCO]  
Subject: Erebus bell

Hi [Redacted],  
Once conservation is complete the artifact will be ready to leave the lab.  
We anticipate this will be in 18 months. I'm not sure a decision has been made yet on where it will go but it will have to be a secure and environmentally stable place. Conservation will provide recommendations for care and exhibit guidelines to ensure optimal preservation conditions are met well into the future.

[Redacted]  
Parcs Canada - Parks Canada 30 rue Victoria, | 30 Victoria St, Gatineau, Québec J8X 0B3 | Gatineau, Quebec J8X 0B3

Téléphone | Telephone [Redacted]  
[Redacted] Cell

From: [FCO]  
To: [Parks Canada]  
Date: 10/11/2014 03:24 PM  
Subject: RE: Transcript of event - Nov 6

[Redacted],

Many thanks. [Redacted].

There's no mention of what happens to the bell once the 18-month treatment period is over. What are your plans?

Best wishes,

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Parks Canada]  
Sent: 10 November 2014 14:58  
To: [FCO]  
Subject: Transcript of event - Nov 6

(See attached file: transcript of event.rtf) **[NB: attachment not saved]**

Hi [Redacted],  
Here is the transcript of the event we held on Nov 6 on the HMS Erebus artefact.

Have a good day,

[Redacted]

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## E-mail 2

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**From:** [MOD]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2014 15:09  
**To:** [Department of National Defence (DND)/Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)]  
**Cc:** [DND/CAF]; [MOD based at the British High Commission in Ottawa]; [MOD]; [MOD]  
**Subject:** 20141029: [Redacted] Telecon - HMS EREBUS and HMS TERROR Strategic Narrative and specialist co-operation.

[Redacted],

Thank you for setting up this morning's telephone call between [Redacted] and [Redacted] to discuss the Franklin Expedition. Their interaction was upbeat and enthusiastic and I look forward to working with you to develop the following themes:

- Confirmation of the date and invitation for Senior RN attendance at your high profile event at the end of November 14.
- The need to jointly develop a Strategic narrative to reinforce the links between our nations and set our Mil/Mil relationship in the right context as this story unfolds. The Admiral's agreed that our PR/PAO teams should engage to exploit opportunities here and to be mindful of our progress on increased personnel exchanges.
- Links to the tactical narrative if a request for RN diving and Hydrographic expertise is developed and can be supported. We would seek early visibility of any request for the delivery of these capabilities in the 2015 summer season and work with you to ensure that tactical delivery is aligned, politically endorsed and realistic. They described the obvious strategic benefit that a modest tactical partnership, delivered by a 'handful' of specialists, could deliver.
- The Admiral's agreed that we need to complete our initial analysis ahead of the potential transfer of a significant artefact in the next 4 weeks.

As agreed I will act initially as your point of contact, but we should expect to link our subject matter experts as soon as our head mark is confirmed.

Best wishes,

[Redacted]

Commander Royal Navy

[Redacted]

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### E-mail 3

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**From:** [MOD based at the British High Commission in Ottawa]  
**Sent:** 27 November 2014 19:08  
**To:** [DND/CAF]  
**Subject:** HMS Erebus

[Redacted],

Any update on the potential 18<sup>th</sup> December event? I am aware that Parks Canada are visiting the UK next week to discuss through the management of the wreck with the Naval Command Secretary ([Redacted]) and English Heritage.

Yours Aye

[Redacted]  
Commander Royal Navy

[Redacted]  
British High Commission  
Ottawa

Tel: [Redacted]

### E-mail 4

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**From:** [MOD based at the British High Commission in Ottawa]  
**Sent:** 06 November 2014 16:34  
**To:** [DND/CAF]  
**Subject:** RE: 20141029: [Redacted] Telecon - HMS EREBUS and HMS TERROR Strategic Narrative and specialist co-operation.  
**Attachments:** 01081 Franklin\_Inv.docx

[Redacted],

I have attached the invite. It arrived too late for us to attend. You now know everything I know.

Yours aye

[Redacted]  
Commander Royal Navy

[Redacted]  
British High Commission

Ottawa

Tel: [Redacted]

**From:** [DND/CAF]

**Sent:** 06 November 2014 11:24

**To:** [MOD based at the British High Commission in Ottawa]

**Subject:** RE: 20141029: [Redacted] Telecon - HMS EREBUS and HMS TERROR Strategic Narrative and specialist co-operation.

[Redacted],

Which Minister is doing the unveiling today, and where are they doing it?

[Redacted]

Tel: [Redacted]

BB: [Redacted]

**From:** [MOD based at the British High Commission in Ottawa]

**Sent:** November-06-14 10:38 AM

**To:** [DND/CAF]

**Cc:** [MOD]

**Subject:** RE: 20141029: [Redacted] Telecon - HMS EREBUS and HMS TERROR Strategic Narrative and specialist co-operation.

[Redacted],

The issue is now in the open. The British High Commission received a call this morning from the VP of Heritage Conservation at Parks Canada to brief us on the discovery and recovery of the ship's bell for the HMS Erebus. The minister will be unveiling the artefact today at 12:30PM. We will be issuing a press line to take:

*'This is a significant discovery and we welcome the efforts of the Canadian Government to ensure the conservation of an important part of our shared heritage. We have a memorandum of understanding with Canadian authorities which sets out the guidance on the exploration, recovery and disposition of both the wreck and artifacts. We look forward to Canada's continued exploration of this important site.'*

I have briefed in our High Commissioner on the MOU and the fact that there may be senior RN attendance at any future handover of significant artifacts.

Yours aye

[Redacted]

Commander Royal Navy

Returns for FOI 0286-15

[Redacted]

British High Commission

Ottawa

Tel: [Redacted]

E-mail 4 – *attachment*

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The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq,  
Minister of the Environment and  
Minister responsible for Parks Canada

L'honorable Leona Aglukkaq,  
ministre de l'Environnement et  
ministre responsable de Parcs Canada

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**UN ÉVÉNEMENT IMPORTANT  
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DU NAVIRE DE FRANKLIN**

The event will take place on  
Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 12:30  
p.m.

L'événement aura lieu  
le jeudi 6 novembre 2014 à 12 h 30

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