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Mr Robert Yorke
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Dear Robert,

Thank you for your letter of 2 January regarding the management of historic wrecks in international waters.

I can confirm that discussions are ongoing between the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the Ministry of Defence, English Heritage and other Government departments about the protection and management of historic military wrecks which are located outside UK territorial waters.

We are aware that there are sensitivities around certain Royal Naval wrecks and therefore we hope to be able to publish a policy and guidance document shortly.

With best regards,

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Ed Vaizey MP
Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries



Robert . Yorke

From: Robert . Yorke <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>
Sent: 29 January 2014 11:35
To: Ed Vaizey (minister.culturesoffice@culture.gsi.gov.uk); Edward Vaizey (ed.vaizey.mp@parliament.uk)
Cc: (XX)
Subject: FW: HMS Victory 1744

Dear Mr Vaizey

We note from your 'weekly email' that you chaired a meeting about HMS Victory with Lord Astor and Lord Lingfield last week. We assume that this was the expected meeting between the Maritime Heritage Foundation and the Advisory Group for HMS Victory 1744.

It would be most helpful if you could give us some insight into the conclusions of the meeting as members of the Victory team are scheduled to speak at the Shipwreck Conference in Plymouth this coming Saturday 1st February, which many of us will also be attending.

Many thanks and best wishes.

Robert

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Robert Yorke

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Dear Mr Yorke,

Thank you for your email of 29 January, to the Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, Ed Vaizey MP, regarding his recent meetings. As a member of the Ministerial Support Team, your correspondence has been passed to me for reply.

The Minister recently facilitated a meeting between the Maritime Heritage Foundation and members of the Advisory Group regarding the wreck of HMS Victory 1744. There were constructive discussions about the future management of the wreck. It is likely that further meetings will need to take place before the Secretary of State for Defence is ready to make a decision.

I hope this information is of assistance,

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