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Dear Dr White

## **Ancestral Human Remains**

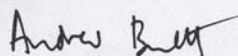
Thank you for your letter of 22 June requesting the repatriation of 16 human remains in the collection of the British Museum.

Your request is a complex one and it will take us some time to prepare the documents for the initial consideration by Trustees, and as we go through this process I will almost certainly need to refer to you for further information.

The Board of Trustees meets every three months. I will put your request before the Board at the next meeting (6 October) for an initial consideration; it is hard to give you a firm indication of timetable after that as it will depend on the individual circumstances. (For guidance, a previous claim is taking over a year to bring to final resolution).

I will be in touch in a few weeks.

Yours sincerely



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