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Dear Dr White

Ancestral Human Remains

Further to my previous correspondence I am writing to let you know that, after all, we are not proposing to have a substantive discussion at the Trustees' meeting on 5 July.

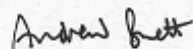
We feel that we have not yet been able to gather enough information to enable the Trustees to come to a decision, and that therefore it is better to postpone the discussion for the moment.

To help address matters I am proposing that my colleague Lissant Bolton visits New Zealand in the early autumn to help develop the further understanding that we think we need. She will be in touch in due course about meeting you.

Assuming that visit goes well we would then propose to the Trustees that they address the matter fully as soon as is practicable thereafter.

I hope this is not disappointing and I appreciate that you have been clear to us all along that you would rather we take the time we need to make a decision.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Director

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