

EXTRACT FROM:

**THE BRITISH MUSEUM
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2006
AT
THE BRITISH MUSEUM**

PRESENT

Mr Niall FitzGerald KBE (Chairman)
Chief Emeka Anyaoku
Lord Broers
Sri Ronald Cohen
Sir Barry Cunliffe
Mr Francis Finlay
Miss Val Gooding
Ms Bonnie Greer
Dr Olga Kennard
Mr Richard Lambert
Mrs Edmée Leventis
Mr David Lindsay
Mr David Norgrove
Lord Powell
Mr Vikram Seth
Mr Eric Salama
Sir John Tusa

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Neil MacGregor	- Director
Dr Andrew Burnett	- Deputy Director
Ms Zoe Hancock	- Head of Planning and Programmes
Miss Heidi Weeks	- Directorate Manager

For item 8	- Mr Jonathan King, Keeper of Africa, Oceania and the Americas
	- Ms Jenny Newell, Curator Africa, Oceania and the Americas

8. HUMAN REMAINS

8.1 Te Papa Claim

- 8.1.1 A presentation of the objects concerned was made to Trustees. Trustees discussed the paper prepared by Mr J King and Ms J Newell.
- 8.1.2 Trustees decided that the Maori did constitute one cultural group for the purpose of this matter.
- 8.1.3 Trustees agreed that two reports should be commissioned by independent experts: one regarding the cultural significance of the items and the second regarding their scientific importance for studies such as epidemiology or genetics.
- 8.1.4 Trustees requested that the reports should be available for the Board meeting on 29 March 2007.

Chairman