MINISTERIAL COMMUNICATION 09 MAY 2005

RE: Response to Ministerial Report of last week

Curator Dreesbach:

I would first like to thank you for the report submitted to my office last week regarding your plans for the Royal Library. Your prompt attention to my request for the submission of said report is much appreciated and shall be remembered.

The purpose of this communication is to provide you with some formal feedback on your report as well as to permit me to give you a rough idea of how I will be directing the pursuits of the Home Office in relation to your organization within the Home Office.

As you know from our work together in practically running Attera ourselves back in 2003, while I'm not overly imposing, I do expect a high level of performance of my ministers and staff. This will be no different during my tenure in the Home Office. I have complete faith that you will continue to meet and exceed all expectations that I might possess.

Having reviewed your report, I can say that I see much potential in your ideas for the Royal Library. You have shown a clear purpose for the library as well as multiple methods for acquiring documents for its collection.

Some refining of your intentions as curator are still required, namely in the area of acquiring Royal University course materials for posting to the collection. I believe that such an exchange of documents will require an inter-organizational agreement between both the library and the university before the Home Office can give formal approval to that proposed method of data acquisition. At present I am not aware of any sort of agreement, though if one does indeed exist at this time, please let me know.

One area that I would like to see more development and thought given to in terms of the structure of the Royal Library is its indexing system. At present there is no clearly defined system of what specific types of documents will be stored at the library nor is there an index of current document categories. I'd appreciate seeing more development in this area for next month.

I'd also like for you to take under consideration an idea which might assist in having private individuals contribute material to the library. With the national economy starting to finally come online, it is perhaps wise to consider granting payment in Thalers to acquire documents. While donations would be encouraged, perhaps the Royal Library should maintain a fund for the purpose of buying documents it feels should be in the collection.

The idea is far from developed, however I thought I'd communicate that to you as you might have some idea of whether or not it is viable, and if so, how to proceed to implement it. I look forward to hearing from you on this item.

Finally, I would like to give you a general notice that I will be asking for status reports from all Home Office officials in the first week of each month during my tenure.

Thank you for your time and continued service.

Yours,

Liam Sinclair

Sir Liam Sinclair, K.S.G. Minister of State, Home Office