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*Dear Robin,*

**BBA/DTI Common Procedure for potential claims from technical enemy citizens**

At the meeting of the Restore UK Panel chaired by Lord Newton on 14 March 2000 you mentioned the possibility that Her Majesty's Government may already have repaid accounts belonging to citizens of technical enemy countries. You were concerned that an account may still be classified as dormant in a bank's book even though HMG has, in the past, instructed banks to transfer amounts on named accounts. You were concerned that claimants should not receive two payments, one under the relevant bilateral agreement, one from a bank as a result of a claim submitted to Restore UK.

The situation arises because, in the 1970s and 1980s, HMG signed bilateral agreements with the governments of several of the former technical enemy countries under the terms of which the value of all assets, including bank accounts, seized under the Trading with the Enemy Act were passed to the foreign government concerned. It was then the responsibility of the foreign government to restore assets to the owners of the assets or their heirs.

In order to deal with this issue I suggest the following procedure.

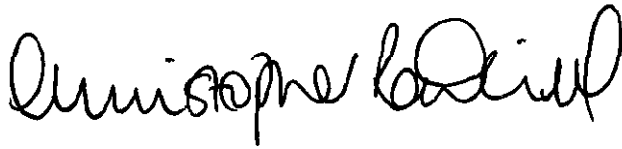
1. The DTI will supply to Restore UK a list of names of asset holders from several technical enemy countries whose assets have been transferred to a foreign government as part of a bilateral agreement between it and HMG.
2. If a claim in any of the names on the list is received, Restore UK will send the claim to the banks or banks concerned in the normal manner. At the same time, Restore UK will supply the DTI with details of the bank or banks, together with contact details for named individuals.
3. The DTI will then liaise with the bank or banks if necessary.

I hope this proposal meets with your approval and should be most grateful if you could confirm this in writing as soon as possible, and certainly before the meeting of the Restore UK Panel on 14 April 2000.



Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Rawlins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher Rawlins

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Dear Chris

**BBA/DTI COMMON PROCEDURE FOR POTENTIAL CLAIMS FROM EX-TECHNICAL  
ENEMY CITIZENS**

Thank you for your letter of 5 April setting out the problem raised at the Restore UK Panel meeting on 14 March and the suggested procedure for dealing with this issue.

It was helpful that this issue was considered. I am pleased to say that we can accept your proposed solution. We will discuss with the Restore UK team how best to send them the lists of names of original owners of these assets.

Yours sincerely



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