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Your Ref:

Our Ref: FE 870 2010

Date: 20th August, 2010

Dear Mr Minogue,

Bronze Crane, Broomhall

I refer to your correspondence (letter and email) dated 11th August 2010 regarding the above subject and I now reply further to my email dated 17th August 2010.

On receipt of your correspondence I retrieved correspondence and associated documents available in respect of previous known contact that you have had with the Force on similar matters. In addition, I have sought and received advice regarding the issue that you raise in respect of the Bronze Crane at Broomhall and the advice I have received reflects that provided in 2004.

I understand that in circumstances where a cultural object is to be considered for repatriation then any communication regarding the matter should be made between respective Governments and/or by a person or organisation that can evidence a direct link of ownership between themselves and the item in question. There would be no expectation that a police Force would carry out investigations into such matters.

It is with regards to the above that I can report Fife Constabulary will not be carrying out any investigations in respect of the issues that you raise however I can advise you that should you wish to raise these issues with the Scottish Government then you should direct your enquiries to Ms Fiona Hislop MSP, Minister for Culture and External Affairs who may be able to assist you further.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Annandale
T/Chief Inspector
Staff Officer to the Chief Constable