## THE GREAT BRITISH MUSEUM MEMORANDUM

**TO:** AISIN GIORO HONGLI (THE QIANLONG EMPEROR & IMOB

DIRECTOR OF COLLECTIONS)

**FROM:** LORD DOWDEN (DIRECTOR OF THE GBM)

**SUBJECT:** LONG TERM LOANS FROM THE ILLEGAL MUSEUM OF BEYOND TO

THE GREAT BRITISH MUSEUM

DATE: 21/07/2035

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Following up on our very productive discussions, re: long term loans from the Illegal Museum of Beyond to the Great British Museum.

Things have moved faster than we anticipated here following some catastrophic losses in the culture wars. Our long term defence of the legitimacy of legal ownership of other people's objects has finally collapsed, leading to a frenzy of repatriation raids. This has led to an unprecedented depletion of our permanent collections.

This is now reaching a tipping point, where we have insufficient objects in our collections to service our commercial international loans, and have large areas of emptied exhibition spaces and redundant storage facilities at our Bloomington site. This has resulted in a collapse of visitor numbers, restricted cash flow, and declining remuneration rates, which has been identified as an existential threat to the GBM Trustees, and demands an urgent response.

We wish therefore to bring forward the long term loan agreements that have so far been discussed with you only in principle. We have been strongly advised about the merits of repopulating our galleries with your objects from other worlds' cultures to replace the now less appealing objects from our world cultures

We would now like to formally discuss with you, at your earliest convenience, the use of our exhibition spaces and storage facilities to house long-term loans from your encyclopaedic holdings of Anthropocene collections.

Yours with gracious humility

LORD OLOVER DOWDEN

(DIRECTOR OF THE GREAT BRITISH MUSEUM)