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Subject: FW: 2017 T in the Park - Sunday Mail Report

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 November 2016 10:13
To: Jo Blyth
Subject: 2017 T in the Park - Sunday Mail Report

Jo,

I hope you are well.

I am emailing following the report in yesterday's Sunday Mail claiming that DF Concerts is considering not staging T in the Park next year and may look to hold a separate event in Glasgow in 2017. We of course appreciate that such a decision, were it to be made, is a commercial one for DF Concerts. However, if what has been reported is accurate, and T in the Park were not to take place at Strathallan next year, we need to respectfully remind you of the claw back condition attached the grant awarded by Scottish Ministers in July 2015. If T in the Park does not take place, or takes place somewhere other than Strathallan, Scottish Government will expect a repayment of £50K from DF (clause 8.7).

Happy to discuss further and grateful if you could keep me updated on any decisions that are made.

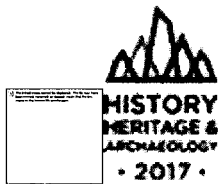
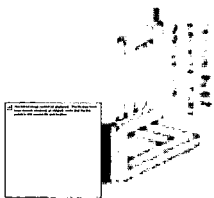
Best wishes

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Subject: FW: 2017 T in the Park - Sunday Mail Report

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2016 16:10
To: 'Jo Blyth'
Subject: RE: 2017 T in the Park - Sunday Mail Report

Jo,

Thank you for sending through the press release on 24 November confirming that DF Concerts will not be staging T in the Park next year. In line with the terms of the grant letter of 2 July 2015 – and specifically the claw-back condition set out at paragraph 8.7 –, we are now making arrangements to raise an invoice to allow DF to make a repayment of £50,000 to Scottish Ministers.

As discussed, the contact we have on our accounting system for DF Concerts is [REDACTED]. You've confirmed that [REDACTED] no longer works for DF. I would be grateful if you provide an alternative contact and we will update our system.

Thanks
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Like many music fans across Scotland and beyond, I was disappointed to learn of the decision reached by DF Concerts, and your partner Tennent's Lager, to not stage the T in the Park event next year.

As you know from our meeting in May 2015 on the subject of T in the Park's site move from Balado to Strathallan, I have been sympathetic from the outset to some of the challenges you faced and the unforeseen costs you encountered. It was in recognising those challenges and the importance of the festival in Scotland's annual events portfolio that I sought to help protect the future staging of the event in Scotland and agreed a one-off grant of £150,000.

You will also be aware that a condition of the grant, accepted by you on 6 July 2015, included a specific claw-back condition stipulating that £50,000 should be repaid for each year (2015, 2016 or 2017) that T in the Park does not take place at Strathallan. Given the confirmation that the event will not be staged in 2017 my officials will be making arrangements for DF Concerts to make a repayment of £50,000.

I would like to invite you to meet with me at a mutually convenient point to discuss DF Concerts' plans for the future of the event. I would be grateful if you could arrange a time that suits with my private office by contacting [REDACTED] on [REDACTED].

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