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Sent: Tue 17/09/2013 10:04:36 PM (UTC)
To: Martin Edwards[[\[REDACTED\]](#) GRO]
Subject: Re: Mark Russell

Thanks. No I don't think Alice would be referring to you.

I suspect it may be the JA one. Susan asked me to check it but by the time I had seen the request, it was already past the deadline. I cannot check ExCo briefs for Alice, otherwise je ne m'en sortirai jamais! (Works more eloquently in French!)

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Sent from my iPad

On 17 Sep 2013, at 20:49, "Martin Edwards" <[\[REDACTED\]](#) GRO > wrote:

> This is the email exchange between Alice and Jorja which I mentioned (I spoke to Alwen and it was just this she was referring to).
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> I won't take the reference to "last minute briefs" personally as I can't recall any I've done recently for her which were sent late (other than those which were requested at the last minute)!
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> As you can see, she feels the need to tell Mark about the Board's concerns on the strategy. I'll think about how we can position this and send you some draft briefing, and then we can send on to her before your 1:1 tomorrow morning.
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> thanks,
> Martin
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> Martin Edwards
> Chief of Staff to the Chief Executive
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> From: Jorja Preston <[\[REDACTED\]](#) GRO > <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED]) GRO >
> Date: 16 September 2013 20:22:52 GMT+01:00
> To: Martin Edwards <[\[REDACTED\]](#) GRO > <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED]) GRO >
> Subject: Fw: Mark Russell
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> Please see below email from Alice.
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> Jorja
> Jorja Preston
> PA to Alice Perkins
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> From: Alice Perkins [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED]) GRO]
> Sent: Monday, September 16, 2013 05:47 PM
> To: Jorja Preston
> Subject: Mark Russell
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> Hi Jorja,
> I think my main question is:- what should my objective be in talking to him about the Strategy and Funding? I need to position this so that he is aware that the Board may not buy the package which appears to be needed to get the Fed onside - the timing is awkward in that we have the Board discussion next week after my meeting with Mark. I also need to be on top of the industrial action so I'll have another look at the presentation for the Board Deep Dive. Also the update on where we are on Second Sight etc. And the latest on the RM prospectus. So basically, all the current hot topics.
> I would like to talk to Paula about this at my 1:1 with her. Please can you alert Martin to that too.

> I really don't want any more last minute briefs! It is not a professional way of doing important business. In any case, I won't be able to read a brief on Wed evening - I have an engagement - and I have a busy day on Thursday. I am happy, of course, to take an update following the meeting with Will but I need to get my head round this during the day on Wednesday.

> Hope that helps.

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> From: Jorja Preston [mailto:GRO]

> Sent: Monday, September 16, 2013 04:38 PM

> To: Alice Perkins

> Subject:

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> Hi Alice

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> I hope you are well and enjoyed the weekend.

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> I asked Martin Edwards for a briefing re your meeting with Mark Russell but Martin just wanted to know if there is anything specific you need included in the brief please? I was hoping to get it to you Wednesday morning when you are here but Martin and Paula are seeing Will G Wednesday afternoon so it might be sensible for Martin to send a few bullets after that meeting should anything come from it you need to be aware of? Are you happy with this arrangement?

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> I was off Friday PM after a long week but I am still hunting down contact details for John Roberts for you. Will forward as soon as they come through to me.

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> Strange weather today!! Is it sunny? Is it raining?!

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> J

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> Jorja Preston I PA to Alice Perkins, Chairman

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