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**To:** Nick Read [GRO]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Documents - confidential and legally privileged  
**Attachment:** 240109 Nick Read to Lord Chancellor - FINAL.pdf  
**Attachment:** Lord Chancellor - attachment.pdf  
**Attachment:** 2023 Christmas Trading Statement (for Xmas 2022) draft - as at 8 January - sent to Nick.docx

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Dear Nick ,

Thank you for forwarding your letter to Alex Chalk as requested . I was surprised to read it following our conversations that we would not become involved in any way in what is a very difficult decision for Government and our justice system .

You say that we are not making a value judgement but then attach a letter from our lawyers which makes the statement " It is highly likely that the vast majority ( ..... of Post Masters ) who have not yet appealed were in fact guilty as charged ". If that is not a value judgement I do not know what is . He also makes another value judgement that no one would have a more generous approach than POL - a view I would not share based on my assessment of our past behaviour .

A third party would see this letter as Post Office's lawyers " continuing to defend the indefensible " , " Post Office has not changed " etc . That assessment of others would do a huge disservice to the efforts of the current Board and management team as we seek to accelerate justice and generosity for wronged Post Masters .

Please ring me over the weekend to discuss .

Henry

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**From:** [GRO]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2024 11:07:25 AM  
**To:** Henry Staunton [GRO]  
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Dear Henry

Please find attached documents as discussed with Nick yesterday evening.

For clarity, please be aware that the attached advice note prepared by Peters & Peters is confidential

and legally privileged. This is not to be forwarded or shared.

Thank you

**GRO**

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