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The Director of the Sutton Hoo Research Trust:

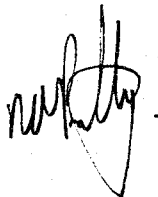
Dear Mr. Carver,

I am writing as sole legatee of the Estate of the late Mrs. E.M. Pretty with regard to certain rights, of excavation, etc., which I own in the Anglo-Saxon burial site at Sutton Hoo.

As legatee I own the exclusive right to search and excavate certain parts of the Sutton Hoo site (shown outlined in red on the attached plan) and to remove and retain such articles as may be discovered, and have retained for such purposes a right of way between the points marked C and D on the attached plan.

In view of the possibility that the site may now be sold or accepted by Her Majesty's Government in lieu of tax, I wish to inform you that I am prepared to surrender absolutely my rights as described above to the new owner of the site, provided (a) that that owner is either English Heritage (Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England), or the Trustees of the British Museum, (b) that excavations are carried out by the Sutton Hoo Research Trust or its agents, and (c) that in either case such articles as may be discovered are acquired by the Trustees of the British Museum as additions to their collections.

Yours sincerely,



R.D. Pretty