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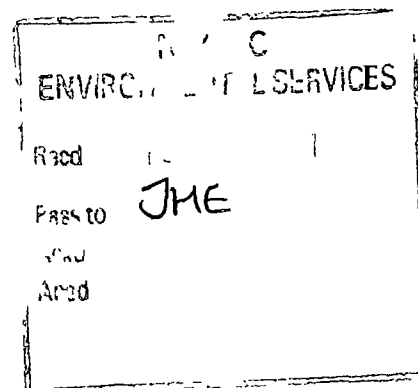
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14<sup>th</sup> November, 2001

Dear Gail,

**WATCHING BRIEF CATTERICK RACECOURSE**

This is to confirm that on instructions from the Goddard Wybor Practice I have carried out the required archaeological watching brief during works at Catterick Racecourse, fieldwork taking place on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October and on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November I enclose a set of drawings which indicate the location and layout of works

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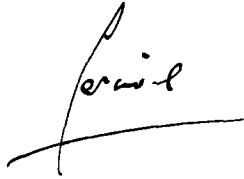
Results were archaeologically negligible, and may be represented as follows

**MEDICAL CENTRE** Excavations were undertaken on the site of the new medical centre, comprehending the demolition of existing structures, the removal of rubble and overburden (this involving the reduction of levels by an average 35 cms), and the excavation of foundations. The sequence was simple, a layer of very fine, sandy loam topsoil, 30-35 cms thick, underlying the modern rubble and representing a formerly cultivated soil sealed at the time of the construction of the present buildings (which appear to belong to the inter-War period). This soil was very clean, cut by a clay land-drain, and contained a few sherds of modern pottery and glass as well as the only object of archaeological interest, a single sherd of plain, South Gaulish samian measuring some 2 cms square and probably of later 2<sup>nd</sup> century date. Beneath the former topsoil, an average of one metre's depth of clean, flood-borne silts and gravel overlay compact natural sand.

**TATTERHALL'S STAND** Excavations for the extension of Tattershall's enclosure revealed only modern rubble and dolomite hard-core, the existing surface at this point clearly being considerably made-up.

The appearance of a single Roman sherd in this location is unsurprising despite the absence here of any specific deposit or feature of archaeological significance, it is clear that the area generally remains one of high sensitivity

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Percival', written over a horizontal line.

Percival Turnbull