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Ms. Dora Wai
Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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Dear Ms. Wai,

Hearings of the Public Accounts Committee
Report No. 43 of the Director of Audit

Chapter 5: School Administration of
The English Schools Foundation

I am writing to clarify two matters which were raised at the hearing held on 10 December 2004.

1. One honourable member appeared to believe that I had been a member of the ESF Executive Committee for ten years. This is not correct. I became a member of the Executive Committee only when I was appointed Acting Secretary and Chief Executive. This appointment was approved at the Executive Committee meeting held on 27 June 2003. I will relinquish this Acting position (and therefore membership of the Executive Committee) on the arrival of the new Secretary and Chief Executive on 14 February 2005.
2. There was debate about EMB inspection of ESF schools. I suggested that EMB inspectors could participate in ESF school reviews. In fact, such an invitation to the Chief Inspector (EMB) had already been given by ESF's Education Development Director on the previous day, 9 December 2004, and accepted on the same date. The offer is a reciprocal one.

I would be grateful if this letter could be drawn to the attention of the members of the Public Accounts Committee. I will also provide a Chinese translation shortly should the Committee wish to include a copy of this document in the Report.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c. Secretary for Education and Manpower
Chairman, English Schools Foundation
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Attn: Mr. Manfred Wong)
Director of Audit

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