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Dear Ian

Thank you for your letter of 26 Jun 24 informing me of your intention to close the 2GR Trust on 30 Jun 24, and to pass responsibility for the Queen's Truncheon to the Royal Gurkha Rifles Trust without caveat on that date.

As a regiment, we are enormously aware of the significance of this vote of confidence. As you know, the Queen's Truncheon retains the significance to the Royal Gurkha Rifles that it had to the Second Goorkhas. Every officer and soldier is inordinately proud of its history, moral value and uniqueness, and as a regiment we are honoured to carry it forward. Please rest assured that we will continue to safeguard it and everything it stands for.

We will of course consult your association for as long as it remains in being on matters of heritage and deployment of the Queen's Truncheon. Furthermore, should the RGR be disbanded in the future we will consider the Gurkha Museum, the National Army Museum and the Indian Army Memorial Room as priority options.

Yours ever,

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