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Dear Mr Dykes,

MOB SUGGESTION SCHEME - PROPOSALS

The Local Awards Committee met on 1 October to consider your proposals for movement economies, a composite Travel Expense claim form and a Naval Lottery.

As you would expect, these proposals were staffed before reaching the committee so that the various 'experts' could express a professional opinion. Unfortunately, each proposal that you made had a pitfall which the committee considered to be significant enough to make the proposals unworkable in their present form, and I understand that you have seen the discussion of your suggestions in the appropriate files.

The committee was therefore unable to recommend an award for your suggestions under the scheme, but nevertheless was impressed by the considerable detailed effort which you had devoted to them. New ideas are easy targets to shoot down but not so easy to produce in the first instant and in recognition of your efforts they have recommended a merit award of £5 which I am pleased to confirm.

I am only too conscious that this sum is insignificant nowadays but unfortunately it is all that can be awarded under this heading; its aim is to encourage new ideas and mark an appreciation of your efforts.

You should apply to the Supply Officer Cash for payment using this letter as authority.

The rules of the scheme allow authors of suggestions to remain anonymous, if they so wish. However, I intend to publicise your award within HMS MERCURY to encourage others to make suggestions unless you inform me to the contrary.

I am sorry that this is so abrupt but please don't stop producing ideas - Well done!

Yours sincerely
Gerald Plumer