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Chief Justice Toal,

To my knowledge, there was no hearing in France yesterday in the sense of a proceeding at which the parties or their counsel would appear. My understanding is that yesterday was the date on which the French court was scheduled to conduct its review of Altrad's request for exequatur of the English High Court's *Smith* decision. That review is part of the French court's process for ensuring that the due-process requirements for recognition of *Smith* have been satisfied before determining whether to grant exequatur (*i.e.*, recognition and enforceability) of that decision in France.

I am not aware of any ruling having been issued by the French court at this time and understand that any such decision can take several days to be released. If we receive any further information regarding the status of the proceeding or a decision from the court, we will update Your Honor. Have a good weekend, All,

Todd

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Dear Justice Toal

I have not received any new information regarding the French proceeding today. I will update the Court when I have additional information.

Sincerely

Peter Protopapas

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All: I have a calendar entry today for a French Hearing regarding Cape/Altrad/Certain Insurers etc.  
Please give me an update. Thanks, Jean Toal  
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