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Dear Ms Rowling,

Following the publication in the British Medical Journal of the beneficial effects of Harry Potter reading to children (issue of 24 December 2005), we had the idea of submitting the attached proposal hoping that it will inspire you to include something similar in your next Harry Potter book.

The European Emergency Number Association (EENA-112) is a non-profit organization established in Belgium. Our objective is to promote the knowledge and efficient use of the 112, the single European Emergency Call Number, all over Europe. Today, the 112, functions in all the Member States of the EU but is known only by one in every five Europeans (in Britain by less than one in ten). This lack of knowledge may put the lives of British travelers at risk as they alone represent some 20% of the total number of tourists within the EU at a yearly basis.

Passing the message to children is the best way not only to educate future adults but to influence the behavior of today's parents as well! Experiences in several countries struck by disasters show that children guide their parents rather than the other way around, especially when they have been trained at school to react in emergencies. And we have heard that British children, under the influence of American TV films call the American emergency number (911) instead of the British (999) or the European (112) one.

If you decide to take up our proposal, this will coincide with the upgraded efforts of Ms. Viviane Reding, the European Commissioner in charge of the 112, who has recently committed herself to improve the quality of the 112 services throughout the European Union.

Please feel free to contact us if you need further clarifications on the 112.

Thanking you in advance for the positive sequel you will reserve to the present request, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1

The diploma project

A very important element of the final note for Hogwarts graduates has always been the diploma project. Every graduate is obliged to complete such a project and present a thesis at the committee awarding the High Hogwarts Diploma of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The project may be the creation of a new magical plant, or simply a new variety, the establishment of a new potion and its antidote, or even the study of an obscure period of wizard's history. Exceptional students may even develop new jinxes or spells but in this case special authorization from the Ministry of Magic is required before testing the spell. It is said that the *Expecto Patronum* spell was developed by no less than the late Albus Dumbledore himself as part of his diploma project.

Students are given until the Christmas holiday to think and explore the possibilities for their project before introducing a preliminary draft describing the project in January. The final project must be submitted a week before the beginning of the final exams. A committee made up of professors, Ministry representatives and renowned wizards marks the projects and awards a prize to the best amongst them.

Harry was faced with the diploma project ever since he left school after the terrible events which marked the end of the sixth year. He thought of it day and night during his very brief stay at Privet Drive. He wanted to make something exceptional and since he first contemplated the project he knew that he wanted to do something that would help his fellow wizards to better face Lord Voldemort and his Death Eaters. But what could this be? Certainly not the analysis of the works of Nicholas Flamel to be undertaken by Hermione, or the new instant mailing port-keys planned by Ron, in collaboration of course with his twin brothers. No, Harry would like to create something more useful and powerful that would benefit the entire wizarding world – something for all the wizards who do not follow Voldemort and his Death Eaters. But what? Well, it was Hermione's muggle parents who gave the idea to Harry the last day of the summer holidays. Of course, they never learned about this!

The afternoon before the beginning of the new term, Hermione, Ron and Harry were quietly discussing about their respective holidays in the garden of the Weasley Family house. Hermione told them about how she and her parents spent a fortnight in Spain and how they faced an emergency there. Her mother was preparing some fish and chips when something went wrong and the frying pan was burning instead of frying. Hermione was in her room. Otherwise she would have set off the fire using a simple *Extinguishing Spell*, but again the Grangers were always against using magical fixes. Mrs. Granger panicked and started screaming and finally fainted. Mr. Granger did what he was trained to do as a first-aid worker. First he called the fire brigade. Then he got a towel and tried to cover up the burning frying pan. Fortunately he was successful, so he turned to his dear wife next. At this moment the fire-fighters came in, along with an ambulance. And Hermione hearing the sirens and all the noise came out of her room and rushed near her mother. Two men in white robes took over poor Mrs. Granger, and she was soon on her feet again. The fire-fighters made sure the fire was out and congratulated Mr.

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Granger for his prompt reaction. Later he explained to Hermione that in the past he had acted similarly in several cases, when a colleague suffered a heart attack, when he saved a lady from drowning while on holiday in the south of France and when he saved a child from kidnapping by promptly alerting the police through his mobile telephone when he was visiting Sweden.

"You Hermione", he said "you must be aware of the European emergency call number, the 112, which functions all over Europe". "We must all learn this number as it brings help on the spot of the emergency and can save lives," he continued, "and it can perform like magic although it is not," he concluded.

112? The European emergency call number? What could this be? Can we use something similar for the wizarding world? Harry's mind started working at a supersonic speed. And a week after returning at Hogwarts, after having a long discussion with Hermione, he had all the information he needed. At least all the information about what the muggles have done to deal with emergencies where human life was at risk. He realized that calling the 112 was the best thing to do in case of serious medical problems i.e. unconscious persons, important injuries, chest pains, seizures and bleeding. In case of any type of fire in the house, the car or the working place. And in case of several life-threatening situations including crimes, fights, people with weapons or robberies in progress. Well, muggles were not so silly after all. They had their own magical instruments to call for help i.e. telephones, fixed and mobile!

So Harry thought of his project as follows. Modify all wands to be able to call for help in case of an emergency. "If wands can choose the wizard," thought Harry, "why not make them able to detect Death Eaters and call immediately for help". In case of an attack using Dark Magic Spells or Curses the wand could launch an alert and have the Aurors arrive immediately. Or the wizard could launch an emergency spell (Harry thought of *Auxilium* or *Adiuvum*) that would summon the Aurors at the site of the emergency.

It was a brilliant idea immediately endorsed by the Ministry of Magic. Arthur Weasley was appointed as liaison and coordinator of the project from the Ministry of Magic. A small team of wizards, including no other than the successor of Mr. Ollivander, an international expert in wands, was formed to assist Harry in this project mainly with information and advice. In fact for such an important project several practical issues had to be solved, issues that were far beyond the knowledge of even the most brilliant students of Hogwarts. After working hard for several months and becoming a regular visitor of the Hogwarts library, Harry was able to construct a prototype wand. He tested it with the new Defense against the Dark Arts professor and the new director of Hogwarts. After a series of upgradings and minor corrections he presented it to the committee together with an extensive memorandum describing the practical and organizational issues that needed to be taken of in order to ensure upgrading of existing wands and deployment of the new service. Training of all new owners of wands was also foreseen to ensure that the new spell would only be used in cases of emergency and not for fun – the availability of Aurors during these difficult times was not to be taken for granted. The Ministry for Magic even issued a stern warning about the penalties to be imposed on wizards using the *Auxilium* spell inadvertently.

Harry Potter was awarded the prize for the best final year project. And he was nominated special advisor to the Ministry of Magic, to supervise the implementation of

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the Emergency Network for Wands in Britain first and then beyond. "If such a system was in place at the moment Voldemort attacked my parents", he said during the award ceremony, and his voice trembled for a moment, "my dear parents would have escaped the wrath of the Dark Lord". "With the new system in place, wizards will be able to call upon the rest of their colleagues, in the same way that muggles can call the emergency services and get help at the spot of an emergency or accident. We are no longer alone, we are united! Voldemort and his Death Eaters do not have a chance".

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