

## Prince Harry hoaxed after former Royal Foundation boss forwarded email from Russian pranksters

The Duke of Sussex fell victim to Russian **hoaxers** after Lorraine Heggessey, former head of the Royal Foundation, **unwittingly** forwarded their email to him, the Telegraph can reveal.

hoaxer 骗子

unwittingly 不知情地

The **pranksters** managed to make direct contact with the Duke by sending a message to Ms Heggessey **purporting** to be from Greta Thunberg's director, claiming that the teenage climate activist was keen to speak to him.

prankster 恶作剧的人

purport 声称; 意图

As a result, Prince Harry was **duped** into waxing **lyrical** on a range of issues from the difficulties surrounding his decision to leave the Royal Family to his **disdain** for Donald Trump.

dupe 上当者; 欺骗

lyrical 感情丰富的

disdain 蔑视

sympathize 同情; 怜悯

He also **sympathised** with the **plight** of a fictional island called Chunga-Changa and offered to help rescue some imaginary penguins from land-locked **Belarus**.

plight 困境

Belarus 白俄罗斯

It is thought to have been prompted by comments he made during a tour of southern Africa, when he announced he stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Greta.

The email from hoaxers Vladimir Kuznetsov and Alexei Stolyarov was headed "Call or meeting with Greta Thunberg" and the address was set up in the name of Ueli Maurer, then President of the Swiss **Confederation**.

confederation 联盟; 邦联

To the duo's *astonishment*, Ms Heggessey forwarded the message to Prince Harry who made contact with them via his personal email address from Vancouver Island in Canada, where he and Meghan Markle had *decamped* for a *sabbatical*.

astonishment 惊讶

decamp 逃走

sabbatical 休假

Royal aides said they hoped it would act as a "wake up call" and proof of the vast amount of work that was done behind palace walls to protect members of the Royal Family.