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Yohei Sasakawa
The Nippon Foundation
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Dear Sasakawa-san,

Mr. Lynton asked me to respond to your letter about our portrayal of leprosy in the trailer for our upcoming animated film, *The Pirates! Band of Misfits*.

Please be assured that Aardman Pictures has stated these scenes will not be in the film when released. We have also recalled the trailer from all theatres and removed it from our website.

We appreciate your comments and have acted to correct this situation.

Sincerely,

Jeff Blake

Cc: Michael Lynton

