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Oh well no one is happy all the time

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Yep. Hope you're doing okay mate.

10:18

I am - what was that document you sent me?

10:21 ✓✓

It's not appeared anywhere online. And why would you ask me if I've things to add?

10:22 ✓✓

That's how it was sent to me, with the message, so it's obviously doing the rounds. Just giving you a heads up.

10:36

Oh ok, thanks.

10:37 ✓✓

No worries mate. Not from me obviously.

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James on 8/7/2023, 07:17

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