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Dear Mr Brennan,

PINGAT JASA MALAYSIA (PJM) THE ROLE OF CIVIL SERVANTS

With reference to our Rebuttal (of the 31st January Ministerial Statement on the PJM) dated 21st June and in particular our references throughout the Rebuttal to the role of certain civil servants in providing information on which recommendations are based, I write to add to what we stated in the Rebuttal. Please see sections "*The British Medals System*", "*More Anomalies - Arctic Convoys*", "*The Chain of Command*" - there are other references too.

I wish to draw your attention to this article from "Portsmouth Today". An article that underlines the important role certain civil servants fulfil - but not always with even-handedness.

In our own case, there was a clear bias in relation to the information provided to the HD Committee about the scope of the PJM, double medalling, and the 5-year

'rule', and in our view that bias served only to distort reality which in turn led to an erroneous recommendation made no doubt in all good faith by HD Committee members but made, nevertheless, without sufficient information and without sufficient facts equitably addressed.

You will recall that a similar situation (disinformation from the MoD) occurred when the Suez Canal Zone Medal was under consideration. In that case, the facts were obfuscated in order that the truth about whether an award had been considered at the time should not come out - but emerge it did after the HD Committee set up their sub-Committee to establish the facts.

I very much hope that this information will be taken into account when evaluating some of the evidence given to the HD Committee.

And I very much hope that you have this information in mind when considering our case put to you in the Rebuttal and also in our Petition to the Queen.

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course if you wish to respond but, to save you time and trouble whilst considering our case, an acknowledgement of safe receipt of this letter would be helpful and sufficient.

Thank you.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



Barry Fleming

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Extract from "Portsmouth Today" 24 May 2004