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Old Admiralty Building  
London, SW1A 2PA

14<sup>th</sup> August 2006

Dear Chris,

### PINGAT JASA MALAYSIA (PJM) PREVIOUS AWARDS AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE SYSTEM

I refer to our Rebuttal of the Ministerial Statement of the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 which I understand you are now considering. In that Rebuttal we contend that the Statement promulgates a recommendation by the HD Committee, approved by the Queen, that was based on insufficient and some erroneous facts.

You have written (as has Denis Brennan at the Cabinet Office) to the effect that if the recommendation had provided for formal permission for the PJM to be worn the result would have been to “compromise previous awards and the integrity of the system”.

In our rebuttal we refute this contention on the grounds that the double medal claim was clearly a sham designed to muddy the waters and strengthen a dubious second objection - the 5year ‘rule’ which is seen to be discredited and inappropriately and inconsistently applied (usually to achieve a political agenda).

I would be grateful, therefore, if you could detail for me your specific understanding (in the context of the PJM) as to:

1. Which previous awards you believe would be compromised, and
2. Exactly what 'integrity' comprises, and
3. Which 'system' is referred to.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your help.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



Barry Fleming

Cc: Denis Brennan, Cabinet Office

**PS The Fight4thePJM campaign is supported by two winners of the Victoria Cross, both of whom signed the Petition to the Queen. They vigorously dispute your contention about compromising previous awards and the integrity of the system. They support our campaign to wear the medal - as do many others who have gallantry awards and distinguished honours.**