

B A R R Y F L E M I N G T E P

30th April 2007

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Dear Richard,

Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) – The London Gazette (LG), 3rd May 1968

Please find enclosed a letter I have written to the Cabinet Office. The letter highlights the fundamental contradictions and misleading statements that are yet again being employed in a flawed defence of a flawed position.

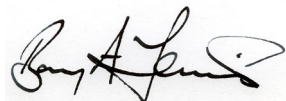
The Cabinet Office has at last confirmed that 'rules' were newly constructed in 2005 and applied retrospectively to the PJM resulting in the incongruous situation that the medal has been accepted (The Queen approved it) and then permission was withheld for it to be worn (a restriction imposed by civil servants) which is contrary to The Queen's decree in the London Gazette of 3rd May 1968 (which the Cabinet Office agree is extant).

No Foreign Decorations Rules ever drafted, not even the 2005 retrospective ones, provide for such an anomalously hybrid recommendation.

But the police continue to police themselves unchallenged by the Establishment. And so I write to you to ask that you do whatever is in your power to achieve justice for British Malaya-Borneo veterans. Justice can be achieved through a simple amendment to the 2006 Ministerial Statement, i.e. the deletion of the sentence withholding formal permission for the PJM to be worn. That is all that is needed to right this wrong and give British veterans the same acknowledgement that The Queen has already given to all the other Commonwealth forces involved in the protection of Malaysia's independence.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Barry Fleming