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Dear Prime Minister,

THE REVIEW OF THE RULES GOVERNING THE AWARD OF MEDALS

You will know that the MOD is undertaking a Review of the rules for the award of medals and their findings will be reported soon. As the National Chairman of the Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association I have a particular interest in this review on behalf of the thousands of Veterans I represent.

When we met briefly at lunch on Saturday 25th June at the Armed Forces Day celebration in Edinburgh, (Deputy Chairman Chichester Conservative Association and Andrew Tyrie), I was tempted to make mention of the review but decided it would probably not be an appropriate time and so decided to write to you instead.

I have attached a copy of a letter I have today sent to the MOD together with a copy of a submission I sent to William Hague earlier this year. It deals specifically with one single item, that of seeking permission to wear a medal awarded to many veterans by the King and peoples of Malaysia. In 2006 the HD Committee recommended to Her Majesty that an exception to the Rules should be made permitting Veterans to accept the medal, but not permitting them to wear it. This decision continues to anger many thousands of Veterans and their families who hope that as you repair the Military Covenant you can find the opportunity to 'modernise' what are seen to be outdated rules so that the medal *can* be worn at the *next* Armed Forces Day parade in Plymouth in 2012.

My request to you is almost a one-liner: Please influence the review of the rules that will enable Malaya and Borneo Veterans to wear a medal they have been awarded. Such a decision will cost precisely nothing but will score thousands upon thousands of Brownie points!.

Yours aye

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