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I wish to express my very great concern (sic) at any thought the Australian government may have of ratifying the Statute for the International Criminal Court. There is no doubt that such a treaty has some merit in some cases. In such cases we could and, I am sure, would support court decisions. However to commit (sic) ourselves to such a treaty, in advance, could risk even our own troops operating in SE Asia or the Pacific Islands finding themselves the victim of unrealistic charges through such a court.

I am sure you are aware that the US government has deep reservations about the ratification of such a treaty. Our own RSL here in Australia also hold deep concern (sic) for much the same reasons.

I urge you as the Committee on Treaties to act swiftly and urgently to assure that this treaty is not ratified.

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