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Subject: INQUIRY INTO MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM - ATTN MS SAXON PATIENCE

Ms Patience,

I recognise that the deadline for submissions to the Committee Inquiry into Military Justice System has passed. I had previously considered making a submission but decided against it on two basic grounds:

My experience both professionally and personally was in the administrative aspects of ADF 'casualty' incidents rather than in the 'judicial' aspects of such matters, and

My experiences and that of my family in relation to the death of our son, a serving RAAF member was that of exemplary assistance and consideration.

However, I note from the Committee proceedings so far, and perusal of the submissions the Committee is being presented almost exclusively with criticism of the ADF system, in many cases of the ADF administrative aspects of the casualty incidents.

Therefore I append for your information and that of the Committee if indeed this is both proper and appropriate a copy of an article I have written for the ADF Family Matters publication which they used in December 2003. This article presents a differing perspective to that I deduce is the majority view being put to the Committee.

By way of background I was until January 2000 a serving Group Captain RAAF Administrative Officer. I served in this capacity for 30 years. I have been involved in many RAAF casualty incidents, particularly the administrative aspects, including family notification and liaison. Currently I am one of the Officers that present to the RAAF Commanding Officers course on 'casualty administration' - using my experience on both sides of the fence.

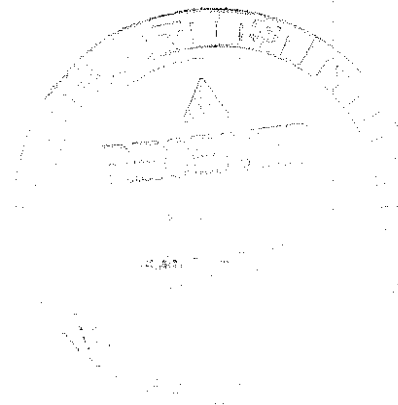
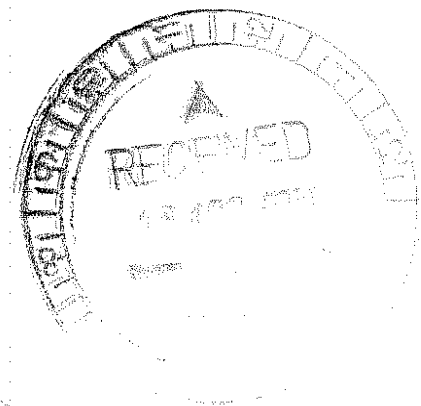
I leave it to your judgement as to whether this email and attached article are presented to the Committee.

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Regards

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