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Dear Prime Minister,

COMPLAINT - MILITARY MEDAL REVIEW
EVALUATION BY THE PARLIAMENTARY OMBUDSMAN

UK service veterans are appreciative of your continued support for those who have served the Nation and your desire to recognise their sacrifice throughout their lives.

They therefore find it inconceivable that you have received the letters that have been sent to you by veteran organisations since becoming Prime Minister or have been briefed on the issues surrounding the flawed Cabinet Office sponsored military medal review.

Throughout this review veterans have been shown significant disrespect in the way their submissions for medallic recognition of service have been dealt with, both by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and the Cabinet Office.

It has now reached a position where an inordinate amount of taxpayers' money has been spent, especially on legal representation, in a murky process which has involved the loss of government documents; a failure to appropriately review military medal submissions; unsound advice presented to the Honours, Decorations and Medals Committee; an attempt to disguise the lack of thoroughness of discussions by the members of this committee; inaccurate and misleading statements to Members of Parliament; together with the likelihood that misinformation has been presented to Her Majesty the Queen.

A copy of my letter to Sir Jonathan Stephens is attached and is self-explanatory. Two options now appear available in taking this matter forward; the Cabinet Office reopen the medal review, or the Parliamentary Ombudsman is requested to carry out

an in-depth evaluation of the flawed Cabinet Office sponsored medal review with a view to reopening the medal review.

Considering the sad situation portrayed in my attached letter, it would be appreciated if you would direct the Cabinet Office to reopen the medal review as that would appear to be the most constructive, economical and least time consuming way forward.

Yours sincerely
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