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RE: JOINT CONSULTATIVE GROUP, Canberra ACT

Admiral Mike Hudson, AC, RAN (Rtd) - Chairman
Major-General Peter Phillips, AO, MC, (Rtd) - RSL
Vice Admiral Sir Richard Peek, KBE, CB, DSC, RAN (Rtd)
Commodore Nobby Clarke, AM, RAN (Rtd) - Naval Association Australia
Mr Noel Payne - FESR Association
Rear Admiral David Campbell, AM, RAN (Rtd)
Mr Bob Gibbs - HMAS Sydney & VLSVA
Rear Admiral Fred Lynham, CBE, RAN (Rtd)
Rear Admiral Guy Griffiths, AO, DSO, DSC, RAN(Rtd) - AVADSC
Air Vice Marshal John Paule, AO, DSO, AFC, (Rtd) - RDFWA
Commander Derek Robson, RANR - RSL
Commander Peter Cooke-Russell, RANR - Naval Association Australia

5th May 1999

Veterans' Affairs Minister Bruce Scott, announced today the creation of a 'Review' to investigate certain matters regarding entitlements and recognition concerning the Defence forces who served in various areas during the period 1955 to 1975.

The Reviewer will be 'The Honourable Mr Robert Mohr', formerly of the Supreme Court of South Australia, will conduct the review of veterans entitlements to repatriation benefits and medals for Australian Defence Force service in South East Asia between 1955 and 1975.

Mr Mohr, formerly of the Supreme Court of South Australia, will head the review, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Bruce Scott, announced today,

Mr Mohr served with the RAN from 1942-1947 and subsequently with the Citizen Military Forces, culminating in his appointment as Judge Advocate General of the Australian Defence Force, He was promoted to the rank of Major General in 1982.

A former senior RAN officer, Rear Admiral Philip Kennedy, who retired in 1987 after 38 years service, will assist Mr Mohr in the review.

Mr Scott has asked Mr Mohr to provide a written report by the end of October.

Areas to be examined include :

Navy Malaya Emergency - 1955/1960
Navy Service - Borneo/Indonesian confrontation
Battle Honors - HMAS Sydney and Escorts during Vietnam War

Other areas will include:

RAAF Ubon in Thailand
RAAF Malaysia Butterworth
Army service on the Tahi/Malay Border 1962
Army service in the district of Jahore 1961/1963

It will be necessary for the Joint Consultative Group to meet in Canberra at short notice to prepare submissions. It is desirable that we attend the hearings on a daily basis, as they relate to specific issues for which we have an interest.