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11 March 2009

**The Hon Alan Griffin, MP,**  
The Minister for Veterans' Affairs,  
Parliament House,  
CANBERRA, ACT, 2600

**Subject: APPVA Submission to the Clarke Review – Attachment for the case of  
Australian Army UN Military Observers to the Observer Group Beirut (UNTSO) 1984.**

Dear Minister:

The APPVA electronically transmitted to you four parts of the APPVA Clarke Review on the morning of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Within the electronic files was the case for the Reclassification of service for the UN Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) from non-warlike Service to Warlike service during the periods of the Arab/Israeli conflict in the Middle East.

The additional information provided within the attachment to this covering letter places the perspective of three Australian Army Officers posted to the Observer Group Beirut (OGB).

Of note is the comment from LTCOL K. Hall, who was at the time the Senior Australian Officer to the Observer Group Lebanon, who comments the comparative of the nature of service to his experiences on the Malaysian Peninsula; Borneo and South Viet Nam.

There is further testimonial evidence from Major (Retired) John Cazey and a letter of support from Brigadier (Retired) W.J.A Mellor, DSC, AM.

Please add this evidence to the APPVA Submission of the Clarke Review, in order to bolster the case for the reclassification of UNTSO to warlike service during conflict in the Middle East.

Once again, thank you for your patience with the association.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you wish to discuss this matter any further.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P.A. Copeland', is centered below the text 'Yours Sincerely,'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**P.A. Copeland**, OAM, JP,  
National President.