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MG/2: Letter dated 30 May 2022 from the MOD (UKSF) to MG, following the meeting on 21 May 2022, at which she was considered for exclusion.

The letter advised MG that:

Following the recommendation from the UKSF disclosure function, MG was to be sent a letter of censure. She had acted against the ethos of UKSF, which is predicated on humility but there are sufficient mitigating factors which meant that exclusion was not the appropriate sanction in this case.

In the notification letter dated 11 April (MG/1), MG was given the opportunity to provide mitigation ahead of her consideration by the UKSF disclosure function. MG provided mitigating evidence ahead of the meeting. MG followed the express prior authority in writing (EPAW) Process and the book was granted EPAW by UKSF and MG removed certain sensitive details.

However, MG acted without humility contrary to the overarching disclosure principle: “Let others write about glory and triumph. Public fame and recognition are not the Special Forces way.” MG used her time working with UKSF for personal gain. All service in the UKSF carries with it a lifelong obligation to protect privileged information. By publicising information about UKSF, MG flouted this obligation.

Please note that though EPAW grants authority to publish a book, which is deemed by the UKSF to not have sensitive operational details, it does not mean that UKSF approve of the privileged information being used to publish information about UKSF.

The Director weighed the factors highlighted above and endorsed the recommendation of the UKSF disclosure function to send MG a letter of Censure. Censure is given for actions contrary to the ethos of UKSF, but which did not warrant exclusion.

