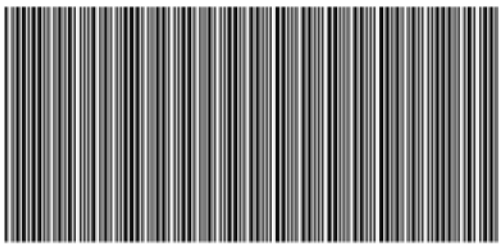
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Dear Debbie,

I write on behalf of Provost Marshal (Army) to thank Greater Manchester Police, and in particular Mr Martin Bottomley, for the excellent support provided to the Royal Military Police (RMP) Operation NORTHMOOR over the last four years.

This initiative of utilising the skills and experience of your Force and other Agencies has proved vital to the RMP as we undertook the largest and most complex investigation in our history. I am in no doubt that without the assistance provided by Martin and others from the GMP Review Team, specifically in the early days, in assessing the credibility and transparency of Op NORTHMOOR and ensuring that it was demonstrably independent of Ministry of Defence influence that we would not now be in the position we are now.

Martin's approach, advice and support greatly assisted the SIOs and Gold Commander, he has bolstered the confidence and improved the performance of all those directly involved in the investigation.

As you will be fully aware an investigation can take of number of different directions and Op NORTHMOOR is no exception to this. We now find ourselves in a position that for the present we no longer require assistance from the GMP. I am therefore writing to formally record my gratitude and also to confirm that if required to support this or any other RMP Operation in the future, your Force would consider helping us.

Finally, as an acknowledgment of the success of our collaboration, I also wish to confirm that if you are content, at the end of Op NORTHMOOR, we can publicise the support provided by the GMP.

Yours faithfully

Signature [redacted]