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MG/1: Letter dated 11 April 2022 from the MOD (UKSF) to MG, informing MG that she was to be considered for Exclusion on 12 May 2022.

The letter advised MG that:

All service in the UKSF carries with it a lifelong obligation to safeguard information about UKSF, to maintain operational effectiveness and future employability, and to guard the reputation of UKSF. At the heart of this obligation is a requirement to understand an overarching UKSF principle predicated on humility, which is encapsulated in the following statement:

“Let others write about glory and triumph. Public fame and recognition are not the Special Forces Way”

The UKSF disclosure function considers the sanction of individuals, no longer serving in the Armed Forces, who are assessed to have behaved in a manner contrary to the above statement and advises the Director on the appropriate course of action. This is called the Exclusion Process. Central to the Exclusion Process is the reasonable and proportionate application of the Exclusion Test, which is defined as follows:

“Has the individual, by any deliberate and considered action/s, placed his/her interests above UKSF, and (or) behaved in a way which is at odds with the UKSF humility principle, causing actual damage, such that their position within UKSF is no longer considered to be tenable and exclusion is justified?”

MG was referred to the UKSF disclosure function as her actions are considered to have breached this test due the publication of the book. Those considered for exclusion can provide written representation including any supporting evidence. The Director will decide the case based on the recommendation of the UKSF disclosure function and the evidence provided. If further action is recommended the following sanctions are available to the Director:

- A Letter of Censure, inclusive of a formal warning for an expressed duration; or
- Exclusion (for varying lengths of time) whereby you will be denied access to all areas of activity where the Director has command.

