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Submission to Inquiry - Mr Ken Fitzpatrick

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

Ken Fitzpatrick

Part 2 – About the Submitter

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Is the Submission on behalf of an organisation? If yes, please provide details:

No

Part 3 – Desired outcome

Provide a summary of your submission:

I am writing to you regarding my service at RAAF Base Butterworth during the Malaysian Second Emergency. Prior to my deployment in 1976 I was informed that I was going on War Service to protect the RAAF Base and assets, plus RAAF families from the Communist Insurgents. During my time there I witnessed many incidents, including Malaysian Armed Forces personally being medivaced into the Base from the Area of Operations. On the 26th of April 1976, one very disturbing incident involved the Communist Terrorists shooting down a Nuri helicopter killing all eleven on board. (see newspaper report attached), Defence also denied this incident ever occurred. Malaysian F5 Fighter jets continually ran bombing missions from the Airbase often all day and night. I was a member of the Quick Reaction Force and was called out to respond to incidents on many occasions. On return from Malaysia we were informed that our service was classified by the Government as peacetime service and publicly recorded as training, due to the Prime Minister's statement to the Australian Public that all Operational soldiers had been withdrawn from South East Asia. We were all bound by the 30 year Official Secrecy Act so I never mentioned our role to anyone outside Army ranks. The service was subsequently classified as Non Warlike in 2001 by Justice Mohr resulting in the awarding of the Australia Service Medal. The service was classified as Hazardous Operational Service then reclassified as Peacetime service. Defence

Officials then denied that there was a Second Emergency in Malaysia. Evidence since uncovered through access to Top Secret and Secret Documents, through the Freedom of Information act reveal a cover up by the Government and Defence of the true story. This deceitful behaviour should be corrected and all veterans who served during the Second Malaysian Emergency must be awarded their correct entitlements. Yours sincerely
Ken Fitzpatrick

Part 4 - Your submission and Supporting Documentation

File Attached: nla.news-article110815039.3.pdf

Part 5 – Consent and declaration

✓ I consent to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal making my submission publicly available.

✓ I also consent to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal:

- using information contained in my submission to conduct research;
- providing a copy of my submission to a person or organisation considered by the Tribunal to be appropriate; and
- providing a copy of my submission to a person or organisation the subject of adverse comment in the submission;
- using content in my submission in its report to Government.

The Tribunal will decide which person or organisation is appropriate, and this may include:

1. persons or organisations required to assist with the inquiry; and
2. persons or organisations with an interest in the inquiry.

✓ I declare that the information I have provided is correct.

Name

Ken Fitzpatrick

Date

22/06/2022 /

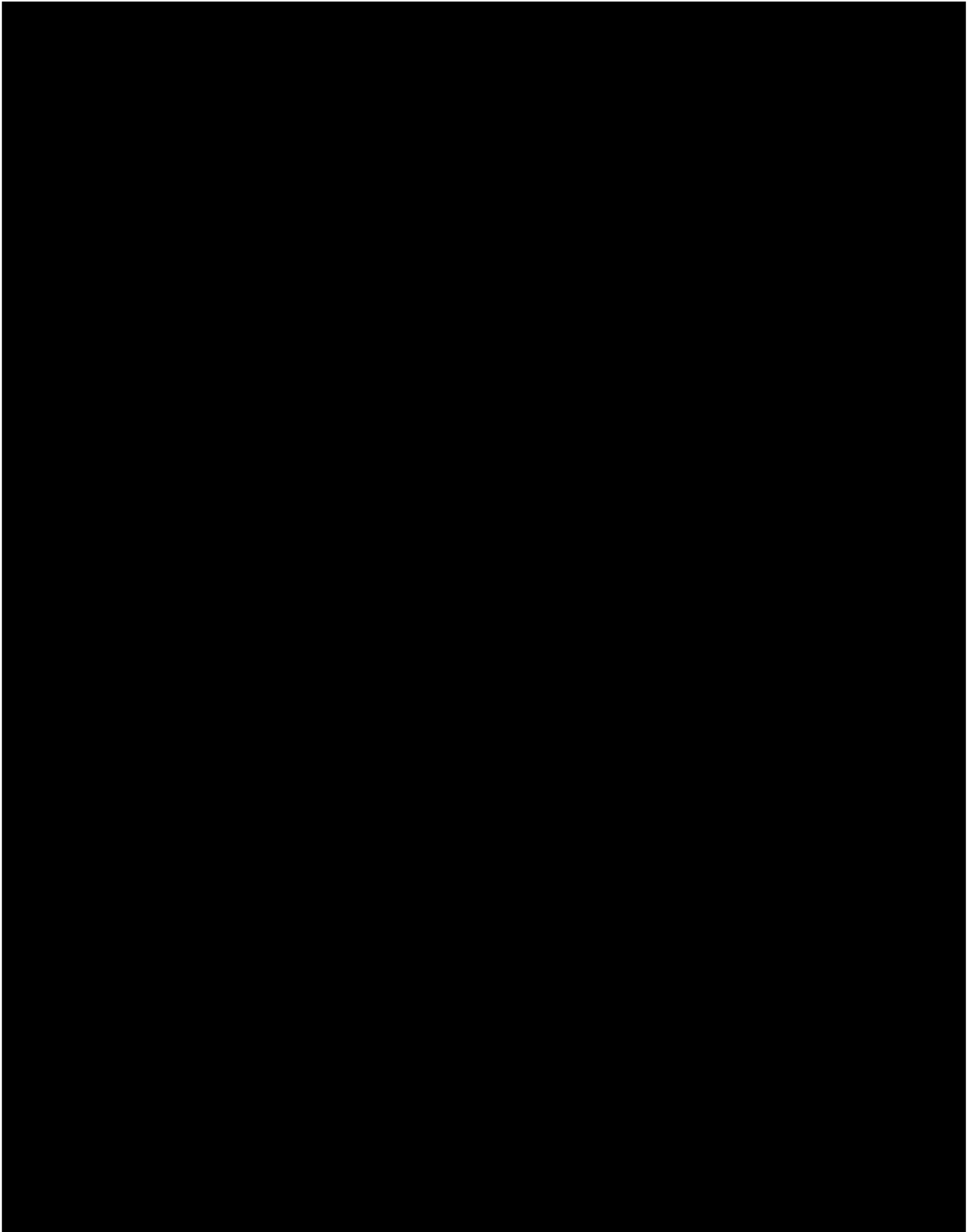
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Signed by Mr Ken Fitzpatrick

Signed on: 23 June, 2022

Signature Certificate

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MALAYSIA

Helicopter shot down: 11 dead

KUALA LUMPUR, Tuesday (AAP). — All 11 people on board a Royal Malaysian Air Force helicopter were killed when guerillas shot it down yesterday near Gubir, about 500 kilometres north of Kuala Lumpur and 30 kilometres from the Thai border, security officials said.

They said this was the first time in the 28-year-old history of communist guerilla warfare in Malaysia that the guerillas had shot down an aircraft.

The US-made Sikorsky F-61 helicopter was ferrying troops for anti-communist operations in the Gubir area when the guerillas opened fire with powerful weapons from the ground.