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Director General

Mr Peter Rush  
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Dear Mr Rush

I refer to the attached letter from Mr Travis Standen in which he outlines claims for the awarding of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal for Control Risk Group staff who supported Australian Government personnel in Iraq.

Mr Standen notes that the circumstances of Control Risk Group staff are similar to other groups who have been awarded the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal for their service in Iraq.

The decision to award the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal is one for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. In this context, I would be grateful for the Department's consideration of the points made by Mr Standen.

Control Risk Group personnel, including Mr Standen, provided critical security and life support functions for AusAID in Iraq. This was at a time of deteriorating security. Without these services, AusAID would not have been able to deliver the Australian Government's relief and recovery programs for the Iraqi people.

Your consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Director General

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