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Dear Colonel Eggenberger,

Thank you for your correspondence of 26 February 2007 to General R.J. Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff, in which you included a research thought paper, endorsed by the Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver Island (RUSI VI), entitled "*Increasing Combat Capability by Reducing the Effects of Combat Stressors*".

Reducing the effects of combat- and deployment-related stress is an issue that is of great importance to General Hillier and the Canadian Forces. The time you dedicated to researching this subject, to improve the well-being of our men and women in uniform, is greatly appreciated.

Your research thought paper was forwarded to the Chief Military Personnel, who is responsible for Health Services, for review and consideration.

On behalf of General Hillier, I wish to thank you for your continued support to the men and women of the Canadian Forces.

Sincerely,

A.R. Loesch
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