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du Canada
Commanding Officer Commandant divisionnaire

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President Ron Morse
RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division
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Dear Ron,

Subject: Honoring the Legacy of Corporal Derek Flanagan

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the exceptional generosity and unwavering support the Vancouver Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association has demonstrated in honoring the legacy of Corporal Derek Flanagan and supporting his family.

On February 20, 1989, Corporal Flanagan tragically lost his life while on-duty in Chiang Mai, Thailand, during an undercover operation in support of Operation Deception.

In 2023, recognizing the need for a monument to Corporal Flanagan's sacrifice located in Chiang Mai, the 'E' Division Criminal Operations Office for Federal, Investigative Services and Organized Crime embarked on a collaboration with the RCMP's Liaison Office in Thailand to erect a memorial for Corporal Flanagan.

On February 20, 2024, the RCMP and Royal Thai Police held a memorial dedication ceremony in Chiang Mai, Thailand, marking the 35th anniversary of Corporal Flanagan's death. During the ceremony, the monument was formally unveiled, revealing the memorial plaque and tree of remembrance erected at the Royal Thai Police Region 5 provincial headquarters. The memorial stands as an enduring tribute to Corporal Flanagan's dedication and sacrifice, fostering unity and solidarity within the RCMP community and beyond.

Thanks in part to the very generous donation of the RCMP Veterans' Association Vancouver Division, Corporal Flanagan's son, Chris, was able to travel to Chiang Mai and participate in the dedication of the monument to his father.

Having personally attended the ceremony, I was able to witness first-hand what a meaningful impact the monument unveiling had on Chris, who was only four years old when his father died. Chris' poignant speech at the ceremony eloquently expressed his family's deep appreciation for the unwavering support and compassion the RCMP community has shown them. Indeed, Chris' presence at the memorial provided comfort and support to his family, friends, and our RCMP

employees. His heartfelt participation added a profound personal touch to the ceremony, underscoring the significance of honoring Corporal Flanagan's memory.

On behalf of the RCMP and the Flanagan family, I extend my deepest gratitude to the Vancouver Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association for its extraordinary kindness and support. Your willingness to honor Corporal Flanagan's memory demonstrates the true essence of our RCMP community.

Thank you once again for your compassion, camaraderie, and commitment to honoring Corporal Flanagan's legacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dwayne McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "M".

Dwayne McDonald
Deputy Commissioner
Commanding Officer "E" Division