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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Moore

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 June 2009 to the Prime Minister requesting a message for Reserve Forces Day 2009.

The Prime Minister is pleased to provide the enclosed message and sends you his best wishes.

Please note that the Prime Minister's message should not be used for any other purpose or altered in any way without his approval.

Yours sincerely

Mark Donovan
Departmental Liaison Officer



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MESSAGE: RESERVE FORCES DAY

It gives me great pleasure to provide this message to the Reserve Forces of Australia for Reserve Forces Day 2009.

Reserve Forces Day provides an occasion for Australians to acknowledge the invaluable contribution members of the Defence Force Reserves make. At over 20,000 strong, members of the Australian Reserves play an integral role in Australian Defence Force operations both in Australia and overseas, continuing the legacy of dedication, courage and perseverance established by their predecessors.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of the Second World War. Almost one million Australian men and women served in the Second World War, defending our nation and demonstrating Australia's commitment to strive for a just and secure world. Many of Australia's service men and women who fought in the Second World War had previously served in the Royal Australian Navy Reserve, the Citizens' Military Forces and the Citizens' Air Force. Australia owes them a debt that can never fully be repaid. Their significant efforts in protecting Australia and its allies can be remembered with pride on Reserve Forces Day.

I would like to take this opportunity to show my appreciation for the work performed by our Reserve Forces, past and present, and to acknowledge their families and employers for supporting them in their efforts at home and in their operations overseas.

There is no higher calling than to wear the uniform of Australia and Reserve Forces members continue to answer that call.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Rudd'.

The Honourable Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister of Australia