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Dear Rebecca,

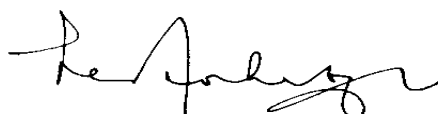
Thank you for your question during Defence Oral Questions on 18 July 2022, regarding recognition for our Nuclear Test Veterans. As promised, I am now writing with an update on this matter.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the representatives of the Nuclear Test Veteran community who are committed to ensuring that the immense legacy of all those involved in developing our nuclear deterrent is recognised and never forgotten. It was a privilege to join the Prime Minister in meeting with Nuclear Test Veterans on 8 June.

As you may be aware, the Prime Minister agreed to review the case for medallic recognition, scope whether further research was needed, and consider how best to mark the dedication of those involved in developing our nuclear deterrent. Officials are exploring a range of options and I understand that the Office for Veterans' Affairs in the Cabinet Office is also actively engaging with representatives of the nuclear test veterans community. We hope to be able to provide further detail in due course.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,



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