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August 29, 2005

Jim Shaver  
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Dear Mr. Shaver:

Enclosed you will find a reply from the Honourable William Graham, Minister of National Defence with respect to your wonderful Pens for Peacekeepers initiative.

I trust that this reply is helpful to you. If you have any other questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office.

Thank you again for taking the time to get in touch with me regarding your undertaking. I am very pleased to hear that your pens are being well received, and I hope you continue to pursue this fantastic enterprise.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gary Carr".

Gary Carr, M.P.  
Halton



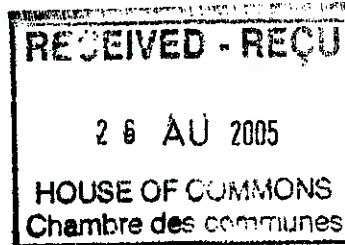
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Mr. Gary Carr, MP  
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Dear Colleague:

I am writing in response to your letter of 14 April 2005, which was forwarded to me by the Honourable Albina Guarnieri. You wrote on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Jim Shaver, concerning his project of sending pens to Canadian Forces members serving abroad. I regret the delay in replying.

On behalf of the men and women of the Canadian Forces, I would like to thank Mr. Shaver for caring enough to create his gifts and for encouraging other artisans to do so as well. His gesture of support and affection for our troops overseas is heartwarming. Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency staff have informed me that he has been sending pens to the Agency for several months now and that they have been forwarded to our deployed personnel.

Mr. Shaver has my personal commitment that his gifts will continue to be sent and that any others received from Canadian artisans will also be sent to our personnel overseas. I am informed that articles will soon appear in the Canadian Forces Personnel Newsletter and the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency Newsletter describing the work Mr. Shaver and others do to support our troops.

Thank you for your representation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Graham".

The Honourable William Graham, PC, QC, MP

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