Ronald G. Green

To Whom it May Concern

I was a RAAF pilot during the period 1950-1984, initially involved in fighter operations and specialising later in Flight Test, Development and Evaluation. I concluded my service as commander of the RAAF Aircraft Research and Development Unit.

Subsequent to my RAAF involvement, I was Managing Director of Cal Pacific Pty Limited, a Canberra based company dealing with sales, installation and training of indigenous operators of the satellite ground stations required for the COSPAS/ SARSAT satellite aided international search and rescue system. Cal Pacific installed such systems in Korea, Japan, Hon Kong, Singapore, Jakarta, Ambon, Alice Springs and Wellington.

I have examined the discussion paper "The F-22A and Evolved F-111 Force Mix Option (Release V)" in detail. I consider there is no technical issue raised which does not stem from engineering effort already completed and been subjected to peer review.

Where projections have been made, these appear to be conservative and aligned to current thinking.

The cost effectiveness aspects addressed in the paper appear to have been developed more rigorously than many presented to the previous Government.

The promise of cost savings together with enhanced operational capability, in my opinion, suggests this discussion paper has merit and should be further investigated.

Yours faithfully,

Ronald G. Green