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Dear Mr. Connolly :

As the Commanding Officer of 741 (Victoria) Communication Squadron, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to your Airport Staff and Commissionaires for the outstanding support they displayed during Master Corporal Kai Hesser's return on 19 July 2006. As you are aware, Master Corporal Hesser is the member of my Squadron who was wounded in action while serving in Afghanistan with Operation ARCHER.

Commissionaire David Logan personally greeted all of us and explained the steps that the Airport had taken to accommodate this event. He was instrumental in providing ready access to the aircraft ramp so that my Squadron Sergeant Major and I could greet and assist Master Corporal Hesser as he deplaned, and he took rapid steps to revise plans so that Master Corporal Hesser's brother could be escorted to his brother separately. Other Commissionaires ensured that vehicles for military personnel and Master Corporal Hesser's brother were able to park directly in front of the airport Arrivals door, facilitating much needed access to the airport terminal and pressroom. The Security Staff who all enthusiastically applauded Master Corporal Hesser as he made his way to the escalator and the press conference undoubtedly left an impression on this soldier that will last a lifetime.

The professional and caring nature in which all of the airport staff carried out their duties on short notice was exemplary. Once again, please convey my appreciation for a job well done. It is extremely satisfying as a member of the Canadian Forces and the Communication Reserve to see such heart felt support for the volunteer soldiers who serve this country.

Yours truly,


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