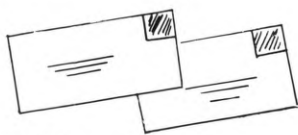




# LETTERS



Dear Commissioner,

I write to record formally, the thanks of this Branch for the assistance that the Australian Federal Police provided to us in the course of the visit by the US Vice-President, Mr Dan Quayle, and his wife, when they visited Australia from 26-30 April 1989.

The varied role played by your officers made an indispensable contribution to the success of the visit. I refer, in particular, to the Close Protection Branch and the officers assigned from it to the immediate protection of the Vice-President, namely Detective Sergeant Rob Hunter and Sergeant Annette Frost.

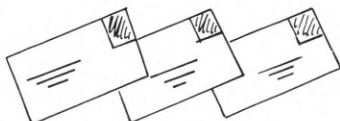
The demands of the visit were considerable and intensive, given the large number of foreign security officials and the program of the visit itself. Through their dedication and tact these officers made a most favourable impression throughout the visit.

I am also advised that, without question, the policing arrangements made in the Australian Capital Territory for the conduct of the visit were superior to any others during the course of the visit. I appreciate very much the allocation of manpower that was provided and the careful arrangements that were made given the sensitivities surrounding the security of the visitors. I should compliment also, the Australian Federal Police for the smooth traffic arrangements with which all convoys were managed. Although we have worked with your officers during 1988 on several large-scale visits, the visit by Vice-President Quayle involved more complex arrangements than are usual in high level visits. I would be most grateful if you would pass on to Commander Alan Mills, Superintendent Bob Prigg and Constable Janice Mitchell and to the relevant AFP officers, our gratitude for their ready co-operation and their professionalism.

I should also like to add, on behalf of our Media Liaison Officer, our thanks for the work of Sergeant Bill Mackey, who took on at short notice the role of Police Media Liaison Officer.

All in all, the arrangements for the visit were the result of ready and successful co-operation between the Australian Federal Police and this Branch, and I felt that the opportunity of recording our pleasure in working with your officers should not pass.

**J D Anderson**  
**Assistant Secretary**  
**Ceremonial and Hospitality**  
**Branch**  
**The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.**



Dear Deputy Commissioner Johnson,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you and the members of the Protection Division for the outstanding support given to this Service during the recent visit of Vice-President and Mrs. Quayle to Canberra. As you are well aware, a visit of this magnitude tests the professional skills, knowledge and patience of everyone involved. Without exception, the men and women of your organisation met this challenge and performed their duties exceptionally well.

As is always the case, it is impossible to recognise and personally thank everyone who contributed to the success of a visit. There are, however, a few of your personnel who deserve special accolades. Detective Sergeant Rob Hunter, Sergeant Peter Holder and Sergeant Annette Frost worked very effectively with our advance team both before and during the visit. Each of them displayed a high degree of professionalism and ability to react positively to the ever changing situation that are inherent in this type of operation. Perhaps most impressive was their willingness to work long and difficult hours each day while maintaining a positive can-do attitude. They, and all the others who assisted us, are a tribute to the Australian Federal Police.

Again, please pass on my deepest thanks to all for a job well done. If I can ever be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to ask.

Very truly yours,  
**Albert Joaquin**  
**Special Agent in Charge**  
**Department of the Treasury**  
**United States Secret Service**

Dear Sir,

Our congratulations to you and your colleagues in apprehending those involved in one of Australia's biggest drug hauls. [The writer is referring to Operation "Soy", which netted 50 kg of heroin in Sydney — the largest drug haul in the AFP's history.]

On behalf of the staff of ITIM I send our warmest appreciation of the very fine work of the Australian Federal Police.

**The Revd. Dr. P. Marshall,**  
**Director**  
**Inter-Church Trade**  
**and Industry Mission.**

## New Welfare Fund

**ACT Welfare Officer, Sergeant Angela Brown, has a few kind words for participants in the Sergeants' Development Course 1/89.**

Their generosity has provided her with a Welfare Officer's Petty Cash Fund.

"The ACT Welfare Officer has never had the luxury of funds so the donation is a real gift," Angela said.

Members opened the fund at the beginning of the course and part of it was given to VOCAL (Victims of Crime Assistance League) to pay for contact cards. However, shortly afterwards the Police Credit Union agreed to sponsor the cards and the money was returned to the Welfare Officer's Petty Cash Fund.

"It will be used wisely in the best interests of members," Angela said.

Sergeant Brown presented a welfare segment to the course, with the assistance of AFP Compensation Clerk, Lorraine Trivett, and Mrs Rita Cameron, founder member of VOCAL.

"A number of Welfare matters were discussed, including police entitlements regarding compensation and superannuation, advice for members making a will and planning for their family's future needs, an education fund for children of deceased members and a police creche," Angela said.