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HRH Prince Graeme  
Sovereign  
Principality of Hutt River,  
Via Western Australia 6535

Your Highness

*Re: Passing of Prince Leonard*

It is with great sorrow that I learned of the passing of your father, HRH Prince Leonard.

When I first met your father in 2012 I immediately realized that I was in the presence of a unique individual, a man of action who was also a deep and profound thinker. Since then I had the opportunity to meet your father, on a number of occasions, and each time have gone away impressed with his grasp of the world and its people.

Even on my last visit, when it was obvious that he was a very sick man, the fire was undimmed and I was privileged to enjoy a stimulating conversation with a remarkable man.

Since your father's passing, a few days ago, I have been touched by the text and verbal messages I have received from people who have been assisted by the Legion. These ranged from "My condolences, friend. May he rest easy in the eternal afterlife" to a simple "May God bless him," from an Afghan refugee woman.

While HRH Prince Leonard's passing is a great loss to the Principality, the Legion and the community I draw comfort in the fact that he lived a long and full life, maintained his faculties to the end and leaves an amazing legacy.

On behalf of the first Barton Platoon RHRL and its supporters,

Major Sir Richard Ananda Barton KGCRO, KCRO, KCOWL, MCM (Bar), MIOM  
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