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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of the Queen's Gallantry Medal and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct:

Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal

Peter BENNETT (Deceased), Higher Executive Officer,
 Board of Customs and Excise.

John HARVEY, Detective Sergeant, Hampshire Constabulary.

John Edward MOSELEY, Detective Sergeant, Hampshire Constabulary.

On 19th October, 1979, following a protracted investigation into the importation of cannabis resin, a surveillance operation was mounted in London. Mr. Bennett and Sergeant Harvey were engaged in the action and instructed to arrest the driver of a container vehicle which was suspected of carrying the cannabis. After patrolling the streets in a car driven by Mr. Bennett they saw the driver of the container who had become suspicious, abandoned his vehicle and was on foot.

Mr. Bennett quickly stopped the car on the opposite side of the road while Sergeant Harvey informed his control that they had located the suspect. Both men immediately left the car and ran through busy traffic. Sergeant Moseley who was also in the near vicinity was alerted and aware that they intended to arrest the man.

As they reached the man and told him he was under arrest Sergeant Harvey took hold of his left arm and Mr. Bennett seized his right arm. During the extremely violent struggle that ensued, Sergeant Harvey attempted to handcuff the man who managed

to break away; as the officer grabbed at him again the suspect was seen to put his right hand inside the chest pocket of his coat. Mr. Bennett immediately tried to prevent this by seizing the man's right arm whereupon he was shot in the chest, fell to the ground and died shortly afterwards.

The gunman ran off pursued by Sergeant Harvey who, within a short distance, brought him down with a rugby tackle. At the same time Sergeant Moseley arrived on the scene and jumped on the man's back as he twisted his body and threatened to use the gun on Sergeant Harvey; a second shot was fired and the gunman was superficially wounded by the shot he had intended for Sergeant Harvey.

The officers were then joined by other members of the surveillance team and, with their assistance, the violently struggling gunman was finally overpowered and arrested.

A high order of gallantry and devotion to duty was displayed by these three individuals during the events leading to the disarming and eventual arrest of the gunman. Mr. Bennett and Sergeant Harvey did not hesitate when, unarmed, they fearlessly tackled this armed and dangerous man who later shot and mortally wounded Mr. Bennett in cold blood. Sergeant Harvey and Sergeant Moseley, despite witnessing the murder of Mr. Bennett, continued their pursuit and finally captured his murderer.

Nicholas Alexandre William McQUEEN, Inspector of Police, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

On 23rd November, 1979, an overloaded sailing junk was seen out of control in heavy seas, drifting towards rocks at the foot of some cliffs. Despite the sea conditions and dangerous location a rescue operation was undertaken and a number of those on the junk managed to jump on to a police launch and were taken to safety.

Inspector McQueen, who was in command of the second launch involved, realised there were many more remaining on board the junk, but both vessels