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Dear Shane, Shone,

I have just been informed of an honour about to be bestowed upon you which makes my German Cross pale into insignificance!

I feel privileged to have some appreciation of your enormous contribution to an enduring relationship with our Indonesian neighbours (and despite the personal tragic ending of your brother's life).

I believe we are not alone in our shared aspirations for a more fruitful and genuinely respectful neighbourly relationship.

To your enduring credit, you have and will no doubt continue to make a positive difference to this relationship. We are all beneficiaries, even though many are regrettably unaware!

I am very happy and proud to join the chorus in congratulating you on this honour – this is definitely one up for the Catholics! and for the entire Stone family.

Warmest greetings and heartfelt congratulations.

Martin