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**Mr K. Cousins**

President

458 Squadron Association Council

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Dear Keith,

Following our phone conversation, I am delighted to confirm that the Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal G.D. Shepherd, AO has approved your Number 458 Squadron badge. I have enclosed a signed copy of the badge for your records/distribution. The signed original, printed on archival paper, together with appropriate digital images, will be sent to the RAAF Museum, RAAF Base Point Cook, Victoria where it will be secured in perpetuity. As well, I have enclosed a copy of the 'heraldic descriptor' of the badge, for your records. You will note that CAF's signature is dated '31 March 2008', which is the 87<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the RAAF.

As discussed, the next step in the project, from my perspective, is to send a copy of the badge to our Air Attache in the United Kingdom for engraving in slate preparatory to being installed in the floor of Saint Cement Danes Church, London. I will advise you further when I have details of the installation ceremony.

In the meantime, I am very pleased that your squadron badge is now officially approved.

Yours sincerely,



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## HERALDIC DESCRIPTOR – NO 458 SQUADRON BADGE

On an RAAF Template surmounted by a Tudor Crown

**Central Device:** A divided circle with azure sky in the upper with a moonlit sea proper in the lower third. Centrally placed a winged torpedo volant descendent from the upper sinister to the lower dexter, all proper.

**Motto:** *“Invenimus Et Delemus” – “We Find And Destroy”*

