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**Subject:** FW: Soldier Protesting outside No 10

[REDACTED] Hi, I'm standing in for [REDACTED] Thanks for your enquiry. Can you send me through a contact number please?

Line and background as follows:

An Army Spokesperson said:

"We are aware of a peaceful protest that took place in London involving a serving soldier. The matter is being investigated by the Royal Military Police and it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time."

As background:

Service Personnel may participate in marches or demonstrations as private citizens as long they do so within the Army's rules. They are obliged to ensure that any association they may have with the affairs of any political organisation, party or movement is in no way to be associated with the Army or their membership of the Army. This is to ensure that the Army's political neutrality and impartiality are not brought into question. Failure to comply with these instructions could result in administrative or disciplinary action being taken. The manner in which personnel should participate in public demonstrations are as follows:

- They comply with Government and Local FP measures on social distancing.
- They act lawfully at all times;
- Service duties are not impeded;
- They do not wear uniform;
- They do not identify themselves as a member of the Armed Forces;
- They take no action that could bring the Service into disrepute

*Kind regards,*

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