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To Whom it May Concern,

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Gabriel Eng of Apache Art Enterprise was engaged by me, the author of the book "TIP OF THE SPEAR – 50 Years of the RSAF Fighter Force".

He was first engaged in mid-2018 to help develop the concept of the book and to take charge of the layout, cover design, proofing, and printing of the book. Through many iterations in the book content, the book was finally published in Jan 2022.

The long gestation of the book was due to the immense number of photographs that were sourced and the several changes in the book content. Besides that, due to the nature of the subject matter, there were many reviews done by the Authorities.

While working on the book layout, Gabriel had to manage over 1,000 photos and 350 colour profiles which were specially commissioned for the book. There were constant shifting and changes in the layout as more new materials surfaced and to accommodate inputs from various stakeholders.

Gabriel proactively researched and familiarized himself on the subject matter and provided valuable inputs to the flow and layout of the book. Though there was several stop-starts during the project, he took it in his stride and provided responsive support for the changes that were made, many requiring text updates/corrections, changes in photographs and re-layout affecting several pages each time.

The 240-page book was an immediate success on its launch in Jan 2022, with the first print sold out within a month. Many praised it for the comprehensive coverage of the RSAF Fighter Force graced by the huge collection of rare photographs and beautiful artwork.

Much credit obviously goes to Gabriel for his creative work to impress the reader by presenting the complex content effectively. His photograph editing skills assured many old, faded photographs are brought back to life for the book.

It was my pleasure to work with Gabriel again on a book project, this time more complex and challenging. His professional approach and skills in book design contributed much to the success of this book.



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