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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: OSC File Nos. DI-08-2159

Dear Mr. President:

The Office of Special Counsel received disclosures from Sheila Ahrens, Division Chief, Human Performance Improvement Center, Department of the Army (Army), Army Training Support Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia. Ms. Ahrens alleged that Army employees e-mailed pornography and obscene material from government e-mail accounts during official working hours. Ms. Ahrens, who consented to the release of her name, also disclosed that employees shared passwords and Common Access Cards.

The whistleblower's allegations were referred to the Honorable Preston M. Geren, III, Secretary of the Army, to conduct an investigation pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1213(c) and (d). The Secretary tasked the Honorable Ronald J. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, with conducting the investigation. Assistant Secretary James delegated the authority to conduct the investigation to the Office of Army General Counsel, which in turn delegated the investigation to Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Eustis. We received a report dated November 26, 2008.

As discussed in the attached Analysis of Disclosures, the agency investigation substantiated both of Ms. Ahrens' allegations. Ms. Ahrens declined to provide comments on the report. As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I am now transmitting to you the agency's report.

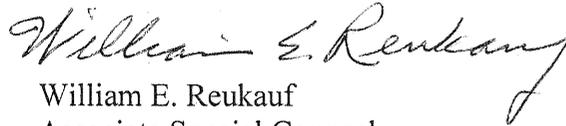
I have reviewed the original disclosures and the agency's report. Based on that review, I have determined that the agency's report contains all of the information required by statute and that the findings appear to be reasonable.

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As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I have sent a copy of the report to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services. I have also filed a redacted version of the agency report in our public file and closed the matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William E. Reukauf". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

William E. Reukauf
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Enclosures