

SWORN TESTIMONY OF

Case – DIH 06-xxxx

IO: The time is 15:16 Eastern Time. This tape recorded interview is being conducted on 9 August, 2006 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The persons present are the subject, [REDACTED] the Investigating Officer, [REDACTED]. This inquiry was directed by the FORSCOM Inspector General and concerns allegations and then I'll go ahead and, and read all the allegations, sir, indulge me...

W: Yep.

IO: Allegation one: That, that you improperly did not report an allegation against a field grade officer to the TIG within two working days after receipt. A violation of AR 20-1, Paragraph 4-6C. That you improperly did not investigate an allegation against the 35th Signal Brigade Commander in violation of AR 20-1, Paragraph 8-2A(2). That you improperly did not report an allegation against a field grade officer to the Inspector General within two working days after receipt in violation of AR 20-1, Paragraph 4-C. That you improperly failed to serve as a fair and impartial and objective fact finder concerning Case Foxtrot, Juliet 040264 in violation of AR 20-1, Paragraph 1-6. That you... we'll skip that one. That you improperly allowed temporary IG's in the 18th Airborne Corps IG office to serve longer than 180 days without approval from the TIG in violation of AR 20-1, Paragraph 2-2E(1). That you improperly allowed a temporary IG to lead the inspection in violation of AR 20-1, Paragraph 2-2E. That you improperly allowed a temporary, allowed temporary IG's to process [IGAR's] in violation of AR 20-1, Paragraph 2-2E(5). An Inspector General is an impartial fact finder for the commander. Testimony taken by an IG, reports based on testimony, may be used for official purposes. Access is normally restricted to persons who clearly need the inform to perform their official duties. In some cases, disclosure to other persons such as the subject of an action that maybe taken as a result of information gathered by this inquiry, may be required by law or regulation or may be directed by proper authority. Upon completion of this interview, I will ask you whether or not you consent to the release of your testimony, but not your personal identifying information such as name, social security number, home address, home phone number, if requested by members of the public pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. So since I will ask you to provide your social security account number to identify you as the person testifying, I've provided you a Privacy Act Statement. Do you understand it?

W: Yes.

1 IO: While you're, you're not suspected of a criminal offense, we have information that may
2 be unfavorable to you. We are required to give you the opportunity to comment on these
3 matters. However, you do not have to answer any question that may tend to incriminate you,
4 the information is... okay, I'm going to go over the, the natures of the allegations.
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6 W: (Affirmative)
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8 IO: And it's going to be sort of the order that, that I'm going to question you.
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10 W: All right.
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12 IO: The information is that you found ways not to substantiate an allegation against [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] who was the 82nd Airborne IG.
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15 W: Okay. [REDACTED], yeah.
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17 IO: That you delayed reporting allegations against a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who
18 were in the 50, 35th Signal Brigade. They were both battalion commanders.
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20 W: [REDACTED]
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22 IO: [REDACTED]
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24 W: Yeah.
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26 IO: []
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28 W: 51st Signal and 327, got it, okay.
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30 IO: (Affirmative) You did not report these to the TIG, therefore, within a timely manner,
31 therefore, not meeting the two day, two working day requirement that's set in 20-1. You did
32 not investigate an allegation against [REDACTED] the 35th Signal Brigade Commander. You
33 accepted, well, let's skip that one. You knowingly allowed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
34 both temporary IG's and not graduates of the Inspector General School, to serve as temporary
35 IG's including to allow them to conduct inspections and process IGAR's in violation of 20-1.
36 That should be that you allowed them to serve as temporary IG's for more than 180 days
37 without TIG...
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39 W: Yeah.
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41 IO: approval. I believe that was, that was of the nature of the allegations.
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43 W: Okay.
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[REDACTED]

1 IO: We're discuss them here in a minute.

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3 W: Yeah.

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5 IO: Before we continue, I want to remind you of the importance of presenting truthful
6 testimony. It is a violation of federal law to knowingly make a false statement under oath. Do
7 you have any questions before we begin?

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9 W: No, I have no questions.

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11 IO: Please raise your right hand.

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13 W: All right.

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15 IO: Do you swear that the testimony you're about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth,
16 and nothing but the truth so help you God?

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18 W: Yes, I do.

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20 IO: Okay. For the record, please state your name?

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22 W: I am [REDACTED] 18th Airborne Corps.

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24 IO: And your rank?

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26 W: Army [REDACTED]

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28 IO: And your organization?

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30 W: HHC 18th Airborne Corps [REDACTED]

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32 IO: Social security number?

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34 W: Social security number is [REDACTED]

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36 IO: And your home or office address?

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38 W: Office address is corner of [REDACTED]

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Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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41 IO: And...

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43 W: I do not know the building number.

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[REDACTED]

1 IO: Telephone number, home or office?

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3 W: Telephone number here at the office is commercial [REDACTED]

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5 IO: Okay. Actually, we'll do some questions here. First of all if you could just let me know
6 how long have you been the principle primary IG here at 18th Airborne Corps?

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8 W: Since I attended IG School in March of '02.

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10 IO: Okay, and you reported here...

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12 W: Like February 02.

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14 IO: Okay, so you came, reported as the IG and then went to school []...

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16 W: No, actually a went later.

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18 IO: So about February, March '02?

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20 W: (Affirmative)

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22 IO: So it's been more than four years?

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24 W: Correct.

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26 IO: Okay. All right, as we discussed in the, in the allegations and the nature of them there
27 was a case concerning LTC Tewksbury where he was, it was alleged that he had assaulted a
28 soldier...

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30 W: Okay.

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32 IO: while the soldier was riding his bike.

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34 W: Riding a bike. I remember it now.

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36 IO: Now in, in that case, a case was opened here within the corps office by John Hanes.

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38 W: Yes. Well I don't remember if it was opened by John Hanes, but he did it...

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40 IO: When it was, it was opened, he,

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42 W: But he was involved, yeah.

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44 IO: he was the, initially the action officer IO on it.

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W: Okay.

IO: I believe the referral or the attention was brought to it that it was on the blotter or something of that nature that it...

W: Yeah.

IO: that [REDACTED] had showed up.

W: I don't recall.

IO: A case was opened. The case was referred to the 82nd Airborne CG for command investigation and then apparently some type of inquiry was done and the CG came back with a memorandum to your office that said, I find both individuals at fault. However, [REDACTED] was a senior person he should have shown more restraint. I have admonished him and counseled him on something to that matter. Is that enough to... and then the, and the accusation is that...

W: Yeah.

IO: while there really wasn't nothing there in [REDACTED] memorandum to say did he assault him or not, we don't know. So I think it was pressed further for inquiry or an answer to that. Can you fill me in on, on how that case was wrapped up at all?

W: I will try. Now this is two years ago.

IO: Right.

W: I'm sure this was '04.

IO: Yes.

W: Yeah, as I recall it [REDACTED] had just become the Division IG coming out of 319th Artillery Battalion Command, was running on [Arden] Street, I couldn't speculate as to where, encountered an individual. As I recall it turned out to be somewhere in the USASOC, SOCOM arena, riding a bike during PT hours. It turns out that violates a, a post policy and he attempted to halt the bike rider and, of course, none of us being there, we don't really know what happened, but it appears that he may have been more aggressive than his CG would have expected him to be given the nature of the offense and it, once again speculating that I believe that it was an NCO that was riding the bike may have, made more out of the action than there really was, but... and yeah, we, we had a case on it. Division looked at it and some sort of

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[REDACTED]

1 admonishment or reprimand in writing came from the new All American 6, [REDACTED] he
2 had just signed in.

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4 IO: (Affirmative)

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6 W: What else do I...

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8 IO: And...

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10 W: need tell you that I recall?

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12 IO: Well because the allegation is, is that you got involved and that you had, you had made a
13 comment or wrote an e-mail that says to either the Chief of Staff of the 82nd or to [] that
14 says, I found a way to not substantiate assault against [REDACTED] Can you either
15 confirm or deny that you made that comment...

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17 W: [].

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19 IO: or can you explain the comment if you did make it and put it into context, of what that
20 comment may have meant?

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22 W: It was such a small event, I'm trying to remember. I, what I remember I was at this round
23 table, [REDACTED] was running this thing. [REDACTED] is...

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25 IO: Right.

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27 W: is a civilian here who is a GS-13 and is currently on admin leave by the way...

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29 IO: Right.

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31 W: for issues I have questioning his proper conduct of IG business. You may know of [REDACTED]
32 [REDACTED] by name. I don't know if...

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34 IO: Yes, I do.

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36 W: []. Okay. He at the time was the, what we call the Chief of A&I, Assistance

37 [REDACTED]

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39 IO: Right.

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41 W: So [REDACTED] was, he was, he was the direct supervisor of [REDACTED]

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43 IO: Right.

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[REDACTED]

1 W: [REDACTED] is very hands off and, in fact, on a couple of occasions has made the
2 comment you don't see my name on anything, or I'm not taking that bad news to the boss kind
3 of guy. And [REDACTED] is the other way around. [REDACTED] is a very aggressive. [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] could probably quote you AR 20-1 from memory. He's a bit abrasive, but he doesn't
5 mean it personally. He just wants to get the job done to standard. It would be nicer if he
6 would bring more of the Army values into play because we don't need to be unnecessarily
7 abrasive when we're trying to solve the problem but [REDACTED] fundamentally a good man and,
8 and he did the work here.

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10 IO: Let me, let me...

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12 W: Yeah.

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14 IO: refresh your memory a little bit more, sir, because...

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16 W: Yeah, well let me say this and...

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18 IO: basically...

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20 W: I'll, I'll tell you, maybe I'm going to answer your question here.

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22 IO: Yeah.

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24 W: Ron, I kept pushing [REDACTED] to tell me what was going on and [REDACTED] would go tell [REDACTED] to go
25 tell [REDACTED] what was going on and [REDACTED] would come up here without [REDACTED] and tell me
26 that he didn't see assault. And, and now I may be recalling this backwards, but [REDACTED] was
27 trying to just kind of like smooth this out to where it turned into nothing [REDACTED] d not, and not
28 touch it in the process, make [REDACTED] the action officer but kind of, I think [REDACTED] perceived that we
29 wanted it to go away and we wanted to call it like we saw it, but at this round table, I
30 remember telling them both stop. First of all, if it's assault we got to get out of the business,
31 because that's a criminal matter and it's not IG appropriate. But before we bother the lawyers,
32 let's look up assault in the manual for court's martial and as I recall [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
33 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I, at this table, looked at the BRB, the old big red book and we saw
34 where the elements of proof included an intention on the part of the assaulter to assault and it
35 was clearly not there. Everyone agrees, agreed, this is 2004 when it happened, that
36 [REDACTED] intention was to stop the bicyclist, not to harm the bicyclist.

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38 IO: Right. Let me, let me interject one thing.

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40 W: Yeah, go ahead.

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42 IO: Because, and from my, my research and what I see in the evidence is that...

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44 W: Yeah.

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2 IO: an ROII was written that substantiated the allegation, a draft ROII was written that
3 substantiated the allegation...

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5 W: Correct.

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7 IO: of assault against [REDACTED]

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9 W: Correct. [REDACTED]

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11 IO: It went to SJA...

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13 W: directed [REDACTED] to write it that way.

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15 IO: Right. Unsigned.

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17 W: Yes.

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19 IO: With [REDACTED] name on it and I think your name on it.

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21 W: Yeah.

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23 IO: It goes to SJAA for a legal review. Comes back. SJAA chops it up saying this not
24 assault.

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26 W: That's right.

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28 IO: In that, on that report...

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30 W: Right.

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32 IO: are handwritten notes that changes everything that says committed assault to did not
33 commit assault.

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35 W: Right.

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37 IO: From substantiated to not substantiated. Within the database there is the allegation is not
38 substantiated. So I think that legal review may have helped spawn some discussions of, it's
39 not assault...

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41 W: Yeah.

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43 IO: as well, as I don't know if that's right or not.

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[REDACTED]

1 W: As I recall it, [REDACTED] was thinking it was assault, but didn't want to document it that way
2 without me giving the order. Because once again, [REDACTED] didn't want to appear to be the bad
3 guy. [REDACTED] was leaning towards, yes, it is. But he was not willing to accept [REDACTED]
4 external pressure because [REDACTED] wants to do what [REDACTED] perceives is the right
5 thing and that's when we laid the old MCM right down here on this round table and I said,
6 okay go get with the lawyers. I don't see this as being assault because of the element that had
7 something to do with and now I'm stretching without recalling or reading.

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9 IO: (Affirmative)

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11 W: It had something to do with the, the, the alleged assaulter's intentions to harm and that
12 clearly was not present and I, and I told [REDACTED] I said, look this has nothing to do with assault.
13 If it does, you long ago should have got rid of it because it's criminal. At least it's green tab,
14 maybe not CID, but certainly ain't IG appropriate. And when it was all said and done with,
15 that's when, yes, I talked to the then Division Chief of Staff, [REDACTED], who is now I
16 believe retired and living in Alaska and I said, my take on this is that it is not assault,
17 therefore, we will keep it in IG channels. When the SJA tells me differently, then we'll have
18 to take a different course and as I recall I also said my concern is, is that we have squirreled
19 with it so long that we should have made a call on this weeks ago. But once again, I, I had
20 problem with [REDACTED] many times where he would prevent his subordinates from
21 talking to me, because they had a question about what would the IG do and [REDACTED]
22 said, well go figure it out and in the case of [REDACTED] you have a retired Major will low
23 level IG experience, some corps time but mostly assistance low-level inquiry stuff, wanting to
24 do a, you know, let's be, have a meeting of the minds and come together with our best
25 assessment and go get a legal readout and [REDACTED] frequently prevented that from
26 happening not just from [REDACTED] but other assistance folks as well. And as I recall, that
27 was basically when they all, the whole, the whole house of cards fell down. It was no longer
28 an issue. It was, okay, it's not assault and that's when I believe the legal guys said, yep,
29 you're right, and the end result was an admonition in writing by [REDACTED] to...

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31 IO: (Affirmative)

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33 W: [REDACTED] saying, you know, if you had to do that over again I think you would
34 have used a little bit less testosterone. My words.

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36 IO: (Affirmative)

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38 W: My words.

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40 IO: So the allegation of, you know, pulling from the regulation said that you were not a fair,
41 impartial, objective fact finder.

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43 W: Yeah.

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1 IO: And you respond to that with?

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3 W: The simple case is, I didn't know [REDACTED] very well. I had met him a couple of
4 times. I had a very good first impression of him. If he had done that, it would not have been
5 outside of the realm of possibility, because I didn't know him.

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7 IO: (Affirmative)

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9 W: All the statements and evidence we had indicated that the bicycle rider was making a bit
10 more of this than was probably the case. Having said that, we weren't there. Let's look at it.
11 I finally grabbed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I said quit going back and forth on this, you're using valuable
12 time. What does the MCM say and then, by golly, we came up with the same answers the
13 lawyers did and it wasn't assault and that's the last, it was [REDACTED] case to...

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15 IO: (Affirmative)

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17 W: to process and, you know, [REDACTED] was his arms and legs but it was...

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19 IO: Right.

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21 W: [REDACTED] case to run with and it ended with, like I say, [REDACTED] got a memorandum from
22 the CG.

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24 IO: (Affirmative)

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26 W: And the CG indicated to me, personally, I've known [REDACTED] since I was a Captain
27 and he was a Major and as far as he was concerned, the case needed to be put behind us
28 because he needed to have that special relationship with his IG and unless [REDACTED]
29 [REDACTED] showed him another instance that that was kind of going to be a problem, then he
30 wasn't going to...

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32 IO: Right.

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34 W: he wasn't going to bring it up anymore.

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36 IO: So you based your decision upon your interpretation on the manual for court martial on
37 what was assault.

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39 W: My initial assessment, but then I told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] this is the IG answer but I need a
40 legal readout and it came back, yeah, it's not assault.

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42 IO: Okay. So, and you would respond to someone saying that you were trying to find a way
43 not to substantiate?

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[REDACTED]

1 W: Oh, I think that's total crap. That's wrong, in clear English. I, I genuinely was concerned
2 that we were going to find assault and we were going to back out of it and it was going to get
3 long and drawn out because either MPI or CID or whoever this would be such a low level
4 priority for them that we have a Lieutenant Colonel sitting out there trying to do his job and
5 the investigators going after real stuff, real crimes at Fort Bragg and surrounding area and this
6 thing would hang over the IG head for a long time and my other concern was, and I've alluded
7 to it already is that [REDACTED] likes to stay away from conflict and that what would
8 happen is, this would become deeper and deeper in the inbox and would never get resolved in
9 the IG system. My concern, looking around the corner, was that [REDACTED] as a
10 former [REDACTED] is probably going to come up on the O-6 list, War College list,
11 Brigade Command list, somebody's black book list for a job in D.C. and we're going to have
12 this thing hanging over our head in the inbox and we're not going to look very smart when we
13 haven't brought such a simple matter to conclusion, but I, initially I'll have to tell you I was
14 concerned that [REDACTED] might have gone over the legal line and committed assault, but I clearly
15 remember reading the book and if my recall is accurate, it was, it was what the, it was what
16 our judgment was as to [REDACTED] intentions in that action that told me clearly that
17 we can't go to court with assault because it won't fit the legal definition of such and let's go
18 get the lawyers read on it and quit messing with this thing and get off of [REDACTED] back.

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20 IO: Okay. Got it. Do you remember the, and I'll, and I'll try, and I will walk you to...

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22 W: Yeah.

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24 IO: where you can get to recollection I guess.

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26 W: I appreciate your help, yeah.

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28 IO: A case with [REDACTED] where she's a soldier that was in the 35th Signal
29 Brigade that had made allegations of assault against [REDACTED] I think it was the first
30 time that they were in Iraq and that she alleged that there was a commander's investigation
31 done of some sort by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had covered it up that [REDACTED] had
32 assaulted her. They returned back here to Bragg. She then goes on to make along with that
33 allegation to your office an allegation that [REDACTED] had had an inappropriate relationship
34 with, I believe it was an NCO or somebody within his battalion.

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36 W: Other than this [REDACTED]

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38 IO:: Other than this [REDACTED]

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40 W: Okay.

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42 IO:: Do you remember this case?

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[REDACTED]

1 W: I have some sporadic recall. I remember a case coming here to the desk of [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] we called [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] called [REDACTED]
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4 IO: Right.
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6 W: Because their desks were...
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8 IO: This...
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10 W: they were side by side.
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12 IO: This case was...
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14 W: The NCO said that the battalion commander, [REDACTED] had, had, in
15 effect, I don't know if that was their words or not...
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17 IO: (Affirmative)
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19 W: because I wasn't there when they brought the case in assaulted a soldier in Iraq. I don't
20 recall if they said who it was or... I, to be honest with you, I would remember it as being
21 somebody's driver or something, some...
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23 IO: Yeah, but yeah, it was the complainant that walked in.
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25 W: Yeah.
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27 IO: She, she said he assaulted her.
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29 W: (Affirmative) I, I came into contact with this case later. This soldier was not present. I
30 walked over to see [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] because that's how I found out what they were doing.
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32 IO: (Affirmative)
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34 W: Normally they were very...
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36 IO: Well initially [REDACTED] had this case because this was late...
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38 W: Yeah.
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40 IO: it was like October '04 just prior to his departure. He worked it up to a point and it was I
41 believe...
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43 W: Probably...
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1 IO: turned over to [REDACTED]
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3 W: turned over to [REDACTED] or maybe Major then, Major, [REDACTED] but probably once
4 again, [REDACTED] took the initial complaint.
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6 IO: Right.
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8 W: Because [REDACTED] likes to do that to see if there's something in it for him. [REDACTED]
9 has a, an opinion about the chains of command and the 20th Air Brigade and the 30th Signal
10 Brigade...
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12 IO: (Affirmative)
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14 W: that they need his, he needs to police their act. That they're all incompetent and under
15 trained and should be, in some cases, relieved.
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17 IO: (Affirmative)
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19 W: He has a very... we had to watch him. [REDACTED] is a, is out after the senior leaders in the 35th
20 Signal and [] Engineers.
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22 IO: However you need to respond to the...
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24 W: Yeah.
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26 IO: unfavorable information.
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28 W: Yeah.
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30 IO: That you either directed or would not allow the reporting of these allegations to DA/IG
31 against [REDACTED].
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33 W: Boy that...
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35 IO: in a timely manner.
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37 W: that makes no sense at all.
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39 IO: Yeah. Okay, do you ever remember directing anyone, hey, don't report these allegations
40 against this Lieutenant Colonel?
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42 W: Absolutely not. That would be ludicrous. The most we've done is I've said once again,
43 trying to get [REDACTED] off the dime, [REDACTED] do some IG/PA, do it now. I remember, in
44 fact, taking [REDACTED] with me, going to the CG's office and getting a signed

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[REDACTED]

1 investigation directive and we came back here and [REDACTED] said, unless you see a
2 problem, I'm going to wait until next week to start contacting witnesses and scheduling them
3 for interviews. I was absolutely astonished that he would do that for two reasons. One, it
4 involved a senior leader and we were beyond the point of IG/PA trying to figure out if, if...
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6 IO: You were astounded by what?

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8 W: I was astounded that we would just sit and wait.
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10 IO: (Affirmative)

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12 W: That we had, we had allegations against a senior leader that IG/PA determined that, if not
13 in fact in, in perception the word in the unit was this had all happened. You know, conduct
14 unbecoming a battalion commander...
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16 IO: (Affirmative)

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18 W: on the part of [REDACTED] I didn't know him. I couldn't pick him out of a line up of
19 two people, but the word was out on him on post, I assume [], that he had gone through a
20 pretty ugly divorce and that he might have a girlfriend. Perception, once again to be
21 determined by fact finding.
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23 IO: (Affirmative)

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25 W: Not only limited to that, but that [REDACTED] battalion, 51st Signal, was scheduled
26 to deploy to OIF on or about New Year's Day and here we were in late '04 and [REDACTED]
27 wants to take a slow, typically slow, measured, no confrontational approach towards gathering
28 evidence and, oh by the way, remembering that IG materials can't be used for adverse action.
29 We're just going to find out if there's fire behind the smoke and then we've got to get a
30 commander inquiry and the CG's going through pre-deployment motions.
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32 IO: (Affirmative)

33
34 W: So to tell anybody not to report this to DA/IG is completely inconsistent with any
35 thoughts I might have had about the topic now or at that time because, you know as well as I
36 do that when units are in a pre-deployment mode...
37

38 IO: (Affirmative)

39
40 W: and, and the other 35th and other MSC's deployed in October or November, not in
41 January like the corps headquarters did. So 35th was moving out, 51st soon to follow, and if
42 I'm going to lose a battalion commander or otherwise upset his command climate, I think I
43 ought to do it now and we give him time to recover from it or get a new guy in there.
44

1 IO: (Affirmative)
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3 W: A new command, guy or gal. No. Categorical deny ever tell anybody not to call
4 DA/IG.
5
6 IO: Okay.
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8 W: That's, would serve no purpose. We, we knew this...
9
10 IO: Okay.
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12 W: at least had perception truth if not fact.
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14 IO: When you look in the...
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16 W: In fact, if I may interrupt you.
17
18 IO: Sure.
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20 W: I also clearly remember talking [REDACTED] the brigade commander, and let him
21 know that we were on track for directing an investigation and he told me that, as an implied
22 task, he assumed responsibility for talking to signal branch, tell them they better line up the
23 next commander of the 51st, because he thought it was serious enough to where he wasn't
24 sure what [REDACTED] would have to do.
25
26 IO: Do you remember who ended up doing the investigation of that? 18th...
27
28 W: Who investigated the 51st Signal Battalion commander? I think it was my good buddy
29 [REDACTED] out of 18th [FA] Brigade.
30
31 IO: And that was as appointed by a 15-6 from the CG?
32
33 W: Yeah, right.
34
35 IO: So [REDACTED], another brigade commander, is investigating this. However, when
36 did, within this complaint...
37
38 W: Yeah.
39
40 IO: once again, if you remember back, there was a, the complainant made an allegation that
41 [REDACTED] had covered up an assault charge in Iraq. However, when you go look at the
42 request for the directive, that piece was handled as an issue and you look in the ROII...
43
44 W: Yeah.

1

2 IO: and it's addressed as an issue, did the 35th Signal Brigade commander appropriately
3 conduct an inquiry of assault against the complainant [REDACTED] rather than where was the
4 allegation? And if you said the brigade commander...

5

6 W: Yeah.

7

8 IO: covered up something or handled it as an issue, do you remember ever being involved in
9 that decision process or directing that it would be handled as an issue not as an allegation?

10

11 W: No. I, no, that would, I would have to ask [REDACTED] why that was determined to be
12 an issue as opposed to an allegation. I wouldn't, I don't know...

13

14 IO: Okay.

15

16 W: what evidence he would have had or, or what statements. Because I remember...

17

18 IO: (Affirmative)

19

20 W: a husband came in, assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, the husband was the spouse
21 of the NCO who allegedly had the extramarital affair with the battalion commander. So, and
22 he was very, very reluctant to play because he was concerned that when this all shook out,
23 there'd be careers lost, not [REDACTED] So, but we were in the pre-deployment mode. In
24 fact, I had gone TDY to Fort Campbell to sort out things with the 101st, went to take care of
25 my mother and shoulder surgery and [REDACTED] was running that. I would have to defer
26 to him to tell him why was that an issue...

27

28 IO: Okay.

29

30 W: and not an allegation and.

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32 IO: And my looking at the case, it shows that the allegation was substantiated against, a
33 couple of allegations were substantiated against [REDACTED] for an inappoirate
34 relationship...

35

36 W: You bet.

37

38 IO: not adultery and there may have been something else, but then also the investigating
39 officer found out that [REDACTED] had assaulted [REDACTED] according to his interpretation of
40 UCMJ. So he basically said, yes, they did do the inquiry correctly.

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42 W: (Affirmative)

43

44 IO: The issue was founded in that matter. It...

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[REDACTED]

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2 W: As I recall [REDACTED] was removed, not relieved from command by the CG?
3

4 W: Right, yeah.
5

6 IO: That piece came to question. However, if you want to comment on any knowledge you
7 have of his allowed to retire vice removal or any other ad, type of adverse, adverse action or
8 was any favorable notions or favorable actions conferred upon him that allowed him to retire
9 with three years in grade...
10

11 W: Yeah.
12

13 IO: for retirement purposes?
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15 W: I do recall some of this. As I was deploying to Iraq, of course, the CG was coming
16 slightly behind us, because he had meetings here and in D.C. and...
17

18 IO: (Affirmative)
19

20 W: [JTFCOM] and FORSCOM and... I got on the ground and one of my tasks to self was to
21 find [REDACTED] who I knew and ask him, [REDACTED] what's going on with [REDACTED]
22 He may have gone by Yogi, so I think it was [REDACTED] he called him.
23

24 IO: (Affirmative)
25

26 W: But, because I didn't know the guy. He says yeah, [REDACTED] said yeah [REDACTED]
27 [REDACTED] is going to remove him, but not relieve him and then let him retire on such and such a
28 date and I was a bit concerned. I thought that, okay, if we, if we found grounds to
29 substantiate, to support, whatever word you want to use, the allegations and issues, then why
30 are we being nice to somebody who has violated a trust? I mean, not only another wife, but
31 another wife and an NCO, another wife and an NCO in his own battalion. I'm thinking, this is
32 really a flagrant violation of any kind of self-discipline. Well [REDACTED] told me point blank
33 to my face, and I understood that this was commander's business. I don't have any vote here,
34 that he determined, in talking to SJA and [REDACTED] that if [REDACTED] was relieved, he would
35 be immediately removed from the battalion area and any battalion activities. By removing
36 him vice relieving him, he was able to help the new battalion commander get settled in and...
37

38 IO: During a deployment?
39

40 W: During a deployment. You know people issues, equipment issues, training issues,
41 mission issues, all those things and I thought well, not...
42

43 IO: It was best for the Army.
44

1 W: not how I would have handled it, but I sure don't have the perspective [REDACTED] does
2 and I am not entrusted with the authority that [REDACTED] was. So I thought, well first of all,
3 it's a done deal.
4
5 IO: Right.
6
7 W: Second of all, what's this business about letting him stay in the Army a few more
8 months? And once again, that was handled between [REDACTED] and the Signal Branch and the corps
9 commander and...
10
11 IO: Right.
12
13 W: I thought well...
14
15 IO: Do you remember your IG's getting involved back here, I guess when you were already
16 over in Iraq and questioning all this and putting a stop to his publishment of his retirement
17 orders pending a concurrence from the CG that this was his intent to allow [REDACTED] to
18 retire September something of '05, which would have given him three years in grade?
19
20 W: I don't recall it, but I knew it was an issue. Because like I said, one of the key tasks of
21 myself when I got off the plane in Iraq was to find [REDACTED].
22
23 IO: Yeah.
24
25 W: which turned out not to be very hard to do.
26
27 IO: Do you remember having a...
28
29 W: No.
30
31 IO: point of contention of any of your action officers back here that were trying to find out
32 information about whether or not the CG was going to actually allow him to retire nine
33 months or so after there was this finding. Eight months?
34
35 W: No.
36
37 IO: Okay.
38
39 W: I don't recall such. Once again, the problem I had with this one was, again this was the
40 case where [REDACTED] was trying to go slow on.
41
42 IO: (Affirmative)
43

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[REDACTED]

1 W: I think he was hoping, to be honest with you, that the whole outfit, corps headquarters,
2 brigade headquarters, that would deploy to Iraq and we'd handle it over there. [REDACTED] was trying
3 to...

4
5 IO: (Affirmative)

6
7 W: slow all this thing so it got it out of his hands, because he didn't want to touch it and it
8 needed to be touched. It needed to be resolved before deployment and in fact, it was.

9
10 IO: Okay. Do you remember a case concerning [REDACTED]? I think he was in 35th
11 Signal.

12
13 W: I remember [REDACTED] real well, that case.

14
15 IO: It was something about he was allowing soldiers to drink on, it was either some type of
16 exercise they were on.

17
18 W: Yeah.

19
20 IO: Was it, I thought there was a hurricane relief.

21
22 W: There was a, there was a JRTC ration issue.

23
24 IO: Oh they allowed them to go to Mardi Gras or something.

25
26 W: And, and I don't know if it was [REDACTED] I think [REDACTED] was back here. Somehow
27 or another we got word through an anonymous tip or an assistance claim or something.

28
29 IO: (Affirmative)

30
31 W: Once again it came into ANI, that such an event had occurred. Some, as I, and this recall
32 now this is...

33
34 IO: (Affirmative)

35
36 W: a long time ago way back in recess of memory. A Captain I believe, a mid-grade officer
37 had authorized troops to go to New Orleans or someplace and, and have a party and I
38 remember it being the 327th and I remember being part of [REDACTED] and... I know

39 [REDACTED]
40
41 IO: (Affirmative)

42
43 W: We're not friends, but I just know who he is. I can't tell you what else to...
44

1 IO: So...

2

3 W: recall about that.

4

5 IO: Do you ever remember, once again, directing that any unfavorable information against
6 him be delayed or any reporting of any allegations against him be delayed in reporting to the
7 TIG?

8

9 W: No, and I would tell you that if, if you were to ask people about why I wouldn't do that
10 they would have to admit to you that on more than one occasion, I had made comments within
11 the IG office here about my concerns about that battalion commander. That I didn't think
12 he... let me put it a different way. His battalion came into our view frequently for leader
13 misconduct. We had a case one time where we, we were expecting the brigade as a part of a
14 command inspection and soldiers come bouncing in the motor pool with shaved heads and
15 wearing clocks around their neck on a string and, you know these soldiers had failed to come
16 to, to a duty formation with the proper appearance and they had been late and I guess it was a
17 recurring event, so some NCO's took it on their own selves to shave these guy's heads and
18 make them wear a clock around their neck, one of these big barracks clocks.

19

20 IO: (Affirmative)

21

22 W: And, you know, that was typical of the 327th Signal. They were always on our radar
23 scope for something and, you know, you start seeing this kind of stuff and you're thinking,
24 okay I, that in his conduct in, in semiannual training briefs and things where he was anxious
25 to, to Johnny spring-butt kind of thing. I thought we're going to have a problem with the
26 battalion commander here. He is concerned about the wrong things and, in fact, his, his
27 command climate is a bit skewed. No, I wouldn't have tried to protect that guy at all, because
28 I was afraid he was beyond protection.

29

30 IO: (Affirmative)

31

32 W: Now we got to Iraq and his battalion acquitted themselves very well. He came back
33 changed commands very quick after we returned. He's been gone. His battalion CSM is still
34 here. When we see each other, we shake hands. We're glad to see each other. I sure
35 wouldn't have protected [REDACTED] because I thought I might be a party of one doing that.

36

37 IO: Okay. Okay, how do you want to respond to these allegations of you allowing temporary
38 IG's, i.e., [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

39

40 W: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

41

42 IO: Yes.

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[REDACTED]

1 W: This is pretty easy. Since the corps commander, then [REDACTED] directed in writing the
2 IG to conduct a very elaborate command inspection program for the corps, the corps IG has
3 been authorized personnel in various MOS's over and above our [MTOE]. Over and above
4 the mission support [].

5
6 IO: Sort of in an SD type.

7
8 W: Exactly. Mission over strength, SD, borrowed military manpower, however you want to
9 call it.

10
11 IO: (Affirmative)

12
13 W: But, but on a rather permanent basis not just borrowed for a couple of inspections but...

14
15 IO: Right.

16
17 W: in fact they come here and they stay a couple of years and they leave. When I showed up
18 here in '02, that program was already in effect. They had a very large office. The number of
19 NCO's now is reduced because of the military-civilian conversion. So now I've got civilians
20 in place, but once again it's because of the inspection mission and no one's challenged that.
21 [REDACTED] as the, the self-declared IG Deputy, had a chart. It was basically a piece 8-1/2
22 x 11 sheet of paper, turned to landscape with all the [TONE] and TDA and TONE supported,
23 and TDA supported and over-strength slots and he managed that and he very proudly bragged
24 that he was the guy that caused the IG to have all these people without issue. In fact, that's
25 not the case because [REDACTED] is very reluctant, in fact, near refuses to talk to anyone
26 outside this office without someone going with him, namely the IG or the Deputy or the
27 Lieutenant Colonel because [REDACTED] is afraid to interact with other staff officers. Once
28 again, he wants his name on nothing. He wants no accountability in case something goes
29 sour. And I told him, hard times. Hey, if you're making mistakes, that means you're making
30 progress. Well many of these MOS's result in an NCO coming to the IG shop without a
31 TONE or a TDA IG slot. In other words, a bravo slot where the branch at HRC and the
32 DA/IG understand that this NCO needs IG school. So what we do is, I engage the sergeant
33 major, because [REDACTED] was unwilling to do such. Strange for a retired AG officer, but
34 a fact nonetheless. And [REDACTED] has traveled, e-mailed, and called HRC and [REDACTED]
35 [REDACTED] of DA/IG to try and get these guys. I believe, I say guys, I believe in this case it has
36 always been males, a little trivia there, to IG school. Because it serves us no purpose not to
37 have them, to have an IGMET account and the training is phenomenal, especially if they're
38 going to go on and be a 1st Sergeant like [REDACTED] is now.

39
40 IO: Right.

41
42 W: He's a 1st Sergeant over in [Cedar], and unfortunately, retired [REDACTED] We
43 were never able to get [REDACTED] to school because his branch said, he's going to hit his
44 retirement control point before he has three years retainability. We thought, well, if we get

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[REDACTED]

1 him some good NCOER's, we're going to promote him to E8. He needs to be a 1st Sergeant
2 and let's do it. And I never could get that kind of action to take place and [REDACTED] in fact,
3 never made it a priority because once again, he didn't want to, to go out on a, on a position
4 and be identified as having said, I want this. Same with [REDACTED]. His branch said,
5 nope that's a TDA over-strength slot. The corps calls it a Sergeant First Class slot anyway.
6 He was a Master Sergeant. We're not putting him in school because we don't want to sign
7 him up to a three-year commitment. Okay, well you know, you keep pushing the ball and
8 hoping you make a little progress. Sergeant Major visits HRC and trades more e-mails, more
9 phone calls to [REDACTED] DA/IG and we have to deploy. It's January 2005, we're not
10 making any progress. We get to Baghdad, we get setup and in a matter of 30 days or less,
11 [REDACTED] sends an e-mail on unclass NIPRNET, an attachment, a memorandum
12 through 3rd Army IG to DA/IG saying we want DA/IG authority, approval, whatever word
13 you want to use...

14
15 IO: (Affirmative)

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17 W: to, to designate these as temporary or, correction...

18
19 IO: Right.

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21 W: as assistant IG's, because we're going to keep them longer than 180 days and we want an
22 answer.

23
24 IO: So you requested approval from the TIG?

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26 W: In writing.

27
28 IO: Okay.

29
30 W: Now can I show you that letter? No, because it's on the computer we had the in Baghdad
31 and we didn't bring that home, because it sat from, call it February of '05 until we redeployed
32 in January of '06, because the answer from DA/IG was, we're working it. It's not a problem.
33 Just...

34
35 IO: Drive on.

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37 W: Drive on. Exactly. When, in fact, [REDACTED] and I came back for a Worldwide IG
38 Conference [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who had hit it off extremely well on a
39 professional and a personal level, talked about NCO's, because we wanted them to get that
40 school because we thought these are two dynamite NCO's. Furthermore, it gave them access
41 to the IGMNET. They couldn't even process an IGAR. I mean if they took an IGAR, they'd
42 help work it with another IG NCO or an IG officer, but...

43
44 IO: (Affirmative)

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2 W: of course they couldn't enter it in the database. So we thought, not only for matters of
3 professional development but for simple matters of office efficiency, let's get them in there.
4 And I thought, you darn right, we will send them to Ft Belvoir from Baghdad if I can get away
5 with it. I'll tie it in with their R&R. They said, it's not an issue. We're not going to address
6 the issue. Don't keep asking the question, because...
7
8 IO: Do you know who was saying that at []?
9
10 W: Well basically, it was the XO's office. It was then [b7(C)] and [b7(C)]
11 were saying, look we can't answer your question yes. It's not a no, but we're trying to figure
12 out a way to say yes, and, and then resource it. Because the understanding I have is that once
13 DA/IG says yes, they want to put them in school.
14
15 IO: But did...
16
17 W: And HRC, their branches...
18
19 IO: Yeah, but school, but did you think you had TIG approval to allow them to be temporary
20 IG's longer...
21
22 W: Oh absolutely.
23
24 IO: than a 180 days?
25
26 W: They said drive on. You're deployed. We want you to have...
27
28 IO: So you think you had approval on that?
29
30 W: Yeah. Yeah, because they knew we had an issue. They knew we had a request in and
31 they said drive on.
32
33 IO: And who, who can corroborate that at DA...
34
35 W: [b7(C)] is my former Deputy.
36
37 IO: But who at DA, the XO's office? [b7(C)]
38
39 W: It would be [b7(C)] who's obviously in the office of the TIG and, he's no longer
40 there, but [b7(C)] was the XO and before he deployed to our headquarters, because
41 he joined the...
42
43 IO: Is [b7(C)]
44

1 W: [REDACTED] was not the XO at the time.

2
3 IO: [] okay.

4
5 W: He had been somewhere else in the DA/IG.

6
7 IO: And [REDACTED] wasn't involved?

8
9 W: I don't know if [REDACTED] I don't know if [REDACTED] would have seen it or not.

10
11 IO: Okay.

12
13 W: He may have talked to [REDACTED] Because he was ops, but, you know he had his
14 hands on lots of stuff.

15
16 IO: (Affirmative)

17
18 W: [REDACTED] good guy.

19
20 IO: But I thought they handled kind of stuff like, about IG's this and that?

21
22 W: Yeah.

23
24 IO: [] didn't get involved. Okay.

25
26 W: But we, we never got an answer back. But, but the answer we... in writing. We never
27 got a letter, we never got a memorandum saying, got your memo, yes or no. But what we got
28 was, over the telephone, proceed until you hear otherwise, okay? And so what we did is, is
29 we, we drew a box around them. Obviously, they didn't get on the IGMET. They didn't
30 process any IG actions, they supported inspections, they supported assistance taking, they
31 supported eyes and ears type stuff, but they couldn't enter data and, and did not do so. It was,
32 it was too easy to just, to take their input...

33
34 IO: (Affirmative)

35
36 W: and enter it the right way. And then, in fact, as we got ready to come back, you know
37 [REDACTED] elected to retire and [REDACTED] got a [REDACTED] job offer over
38 in then [COSCOM], now theater support command and the point is moot. I mean we're not,
39 we're not pushing it now.

40
41 IO: Right. So you deny that they processed IGAR's?

42
43 W: They did not process IGAR's. They took IGAR's.

44

1 IO: (Affirmative)

2

3 W: Many, and God bless them, because as you know, anybody can take an IGAR.

4

5 IO: (Affirmative)

6

7 W: But nobody wants to get on the IGMET unless you have to anyway, especially when
8 you're that far away from the server, because it's slow as molasses.

9

10 IO: (Affirmative)

11

12 W: Other folks did the, you know, [REDACTED] our mobilized reservist...

13

14 IO: (Affirmative)

15

16 W: entered them. [REDACTED] entered them.

17

18 IO: [REDACTED] over there?

19

20 W: [REDACTED] may have entered some. She entered a lot of IGMET IGAR's. That was
21 what...

22

23 IO: She was there with you?

24

25 W: Oh yes. Yeah.

26

27 IO: I'm assuming people here can corroborate...

28

29 W: Yeah.

30

31 IO: what you're saying, that they didn't enter []?

32

33 W: To my knowledge, they did not and she could clarify better than I.

34

35 IO: Okay. What about leading inspections? Did, because that's prohibited by the regulation
36 for a temporary IG.

37

38 W: The big inspection that... to take them one at a time. [REDACTED] To help boost
39 his prestige, we talked about him being the big man on one of our inspections over there. In
40 fact, [REDACTED] was the leader, but [REDACTED], being a mechanic and got funda...
41 just fabulous interpersonal skills, was making all these calls and bringing folks in and he and
42 [REDACTED] were talking to them. The issue was non-tactical vehicles. There were just
43 tons of them and, and they got...

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[REDACTED]

1 IO: They?

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3 W: the NTV's, non-tactical vehicles, became captured on various installations when all the
4 travel restrictions came up in what? April of '04. And we had hundreds of non-tactical
5 vehicles that couldn't be returned. The government was still paying leases on them and late
6 fees and, you know, we, we paid for them over, many times over and we wanted to know how
7 big the problem was. And so [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] conducted an inspection into
8 who had what, what policy existed, and so forth and so on and me and [REDACTED] and
9 [REDACTED] briefed the [REDACTED] who briefed the [REDACTED], a Marine
10 two-star and a couple of folks came by and, you know, we kind of pushed [REDACTED]
11 to the front because we were proud of what he did with it.
12

13 IO: He could talk about it. Okay.

14
15 W: But, but and I'll tell you, about three months before we deployed, about two months ago,
16 two years ago, you know, August, September timeframe of '04, [REDACTED] and I and
17 [REDACTED] and I and [REDACTED] were doing some running and we were trying to
18 pick who was going to go with us. We were having to make the call and without talking to
19 anybody else, we figured out who we thought had the right talents and the right personal and
20 professional qualities and I'm walking back after a run one morning into the, into the office on
21 the sidewalk and then [REDACTED] said, sir, can I ask you a question? I said, you betcha. He
22 said, is it true we can't deploy if we haven't been to IG school? I looked at him and I said, I
23 don't believe I would put my heart on that. I said, that would be a factor, but it wouldn't be a,
24 a show stopper. He said, okay good. And then later on that morning, [REDACTED] told me
25 he made a real strong play, he said, you've got to take me. I've got to, I've got to go on this
26 deployment. I want to, I want to do whatever I can do. That's the kind of guy now [REDACTED]
27 [REDACTED] is and I wish we could have got him in the school. I wish we could
28 have got some sort of documentation that said he was a trained, you know, credential, card
29 carrying IG, but his branch dug their heels in so hard on him that [REDACTED] at DA/IG said,
30 look, you just, you just keep driving along. The more we make a stink about this guy...
31

32 IO: (Affirmative)

33
34 W: the more likely he is to get orders.

35
36 IO: Do your remember how long they were actually in the office. Were they here when you
37 had already showed up?

38
39 W: No. No.

40
41 IO: No?

42
43 W: [REDACTED] came in what, mid '04.
44

1 IO: (Affirmative)

2

3 W: He came from the TSB, the Training Support Brigade here.

4

5 IO: Right.

6

7 W: And I told him, I made him... he sat right in this blue chair and I told him, I said []
8 looking for you. I want, I want the kind of leader you are. I want you to be in charge of the
9 inspections branch when, when I ask you to be, but I want the kind of leader I know 63 Zulu's
10 are, because you're out there hooking and jabbing in the motor pool with all kind of different
11 MOS's doing some distasteful jobs that...

12

13 IO: When you say leader of the branch, then?

14

15 W: When I, when he, when I put him in charge of something I want him to take charge and
16 do... he led PT a lot.

17

18 IO: (Affirmative)

19

20 W: He would move folks over to an ORA site when he was going to inspect vehicles and
21 make sure that the supply guy and the personnel folks got to the right place, the right time. He
22 would...

23

24 IO: Well maybe that's where we're getting into the, he's leading inspections perception?

25

26 W: He was, he was not the inspection leader here for sure. The brigade commander would
27 tell you I was. The brigade 2ICN CSM would tell you [REDACTED] was. No doubt.
28 Both [REDACTED] and I went to every in-brief, every out brief and went to Fort Bliss together to
29 inspect the 108th ADA brigade.

30

31 IO: (Affirmative)

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33 W: I went to Fort Polk without any other IG's on a spur of a moment with the DCG. There's
34 no way that anyone would think that [REDACTED] led an inspection, other than the fact
35 that we really advertised the fundamentally positive comments and influence he had on our
36 inspections.

37

38 IO: Would, would you say that you had, you did have somebody that was leading the
39 inspection, but he may have, he may have been more or less the NCOIC, is that how you
40 would characterize? Once he gets down there...

41

42 W: Yeah.

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[REDACTED]

1 IO: boots on the ground, he was kind of the guy in charge there making things happen.
2 However, technically he wasn't the...

3
4 W: He might have been a, a whip or a ramrod. In other words, making sure folks got to the
5 right place on time, but it, obviously, he wasn't going to lead the personnel functional area,
6 you know, the personal...

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8 IO: (Affirmative)

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10 W: He wasn't going to lead the supply guy, the commo guy, the arms guys, none of that
11 happens here. We go our separate ways. But I knew by virtue of his rank, number one and by
12 virtue of his personal and personal qualifies, number two, that I could call him on his cell
13 phone or on the, anything and say, walk up to him as I did many times and say, have you seen
14 [REDACTED] who at the time was our supply inspector. Yes, sir. He's over inspecting
15 supply in the 4 shop. He'd know, and I, you know you just, you just lean on a man like that...

16
17 IO: (Affirmative)

18
19 W: because he knows.

20
21 IO: So the leader, the lead of your inspections was either yourself or [REDACTED]

22
23 W: Yeah, and, and I would tell you the preponderance of the effort was [REDACTED]

24
25 IO: Okay.

26
27 W: He, he was the driver. I was there to provide top cover and to make sure that NCO's and
28 officers didn't run into an O-6 that had a bad attitude or a brigade CSM....

29
30 IO: Okay. On the. and he's your Deputy?

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32 W: My retired Deputy.

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34 IO: On the TDA, on the TDA.

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36 W: On the TONE.

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38 IO: On the TONE, you...

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40 W: [REDACTED]

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42 IO: [REDACTED] and then you go down to your inspections branch.

43
44 W: Okay. And the inspections branch is pretty much all TDA, because it was a [ORI].

1
2 IO: Okay, was there a position for a team leader or a team Chief?
3
4 W: Well that was [REDACTED] He was the Inspections Chief. Yeah.
5
6 IO: But there was nobody on the MTOE position in that?
7
8 W: No, we don't have a... our MTOE only talks about an IG, a Deputy, a Sergeant Major,
9 two NCO inspectors and an admin sergeant. That's it.
10
11 IO: Right. So it doesn't have...
12
13 W: No.
14
15 IO: position, Inspection Team Chief?
16
17 W: No.
18
19 IO: Okay.
20
21 W: It does not.
22
23 IO: That's why I say, we had the...
24
25 W: Yeah.
26
27 IO: the ad hoc inspection team for a while.
28
29 W: Absolutely.
30
31 IO: Okay.
32
33 W: Our TONE is kind of hosed up, and it's, it's all 42's except for me and the Sergeant
34 Major and the Deputy.
35
36 IO: (Affirmative)
37
38 W: So, you know we, we parachute in, we turn in our [] and [].
39
40 IO: Right.
41
42 W: Not good. That's why we had to have the, the augmentation TDA and the mission
43 support TDA. And that's where we got our supply, commo, arms, maintenance.
44

1 IO: (Affirmative)

2

3 W: All that stuff. Yeah.

4

5 IO: So with, and you would respond to, you did have qualified IG's in this office that you left
6 behind and you took IG, you took NCO's who had not been to the IG school to Iraq instead
7 because...

8

9 W: Yes, because I needed the diversity of skills. I needed a maintenance man. I needed a
10 couple of folks who could sort out the administration stuff. [REDACTED] who is a 42
11 for example. So is [REDACTED] but to be honest with you, it wasn't their MOS that we took
12 them for. It was their personal qualities as well. I knew that [REDACTED] would be
13 very credible representing me if he was standing on the side of the street and someone walked
14 up and said, are you working with Corps IG? And he'd say, yes, and say well I got a question.
15 He'd say come on up and let them fill out an IGAR. [REDACTED], the same way. Not only
16 that, but [REDACTED] as a trained IG, is phenomenally fast at doing data entry. She'll have
17 more IGAR's in the IGMET database in a day's time than most folks.

18

19 IO: And...

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21 W: Plus being a female, I knew that I'd have that kind of issue going for me and no matter
22 what you want to say, if a female came in to ask for assistance, sometimes it would be better
23 for a female to receive the visitor, so.

24

25 IO: And left back here were, NCO wise, was [REDACTED]

26

27 W: Oh, plenty of people.

28

29 IO: Yeah.

30

31 W: On the assistance side, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
32 [REDACTED] who's a artilleryman. My only supply guy. [REDACTED]
33 [REDACTED] I want to take him bad, but our rear detachment focus on
34 inspections was supply accountability.

35

36 IO: So you had to leave a team back here?

37

38 W: I had to leave someone back here and I, and I, at the time then [REDACTED]
39 who I knew was, was not the best solution, but I left her back here. She'd also just lost her
40 husband, so she was a recent widow and I said, okay, inspect, teach and train, assist, support,
41 mentor, whatever you want to call it, coach, rear detachments. Because, for example, you
42 talked about 327 Signal earlier, their rear detachment commander was a Captain on her first
43 command. That was her command was rear Det 327 Signal. I mean she had seven hand
44 receipts, you know HHC, A, B, C and there's no way that she knew on a day-to-day basis that

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[REDACTED]

1 her subordinate leaders who probably changed daily throughout the, the course of the year,
2 had a handle on people and stuff. So I had to leave the supply guy back here, even though he
3 was IG trained, IG experienced, and I would have really wanted to take him. If I had two I
4 would have.

5

6 IO: Okay.

7

8 W: But it was, it was once again, personal and professional qualities and the mission needs.
9 It had nothing to do with... and I, and I thought, based on our conversations with the DA/IG,
10 that I was going to get [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] trained, but...

11

12 IO: (Affirmative)

13

14 W: Or if not school trained, certified, authorized, whatever word DA/IG would use to say,
15 yep.

16

17 IO: (Affirmative)

18

19 W: Go forth, don't worry about the 180-day rule. We endorse your service as an IG.

20

21 IO: Okay. These are other matters, issues...

22

23 W: Okay.

24

25 IO: that we're looking at. What do you recollect about the, do you remember [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED] having a case of whistleblower reprisal?

27

28 W: Yes.

29

30 IO: She was in Dragon Brigade.

31

32 W: Yeah, Dragon Brigade rear in fact.

33

34 IO: Right, well, yeah, however you want to characterize it.

35

36 W: []

37

38 IO: She makes an allegation of reprisal in September of '05. It was declined based upon no
39 unfavorable action. She did come back at a later date trying to make other allegations of
40 reprisal. Do you remember saying anything to the effect of, we need to close this case or
41 anything like that, because she doesn't have an allegation? I'm not quite sure what your
42 words would have been. Do you remember that case and []?

43

44 W: Yeah, it was brought up...

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[REDACTED]

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2 IO: [] remember the case. It was brought up a little bit later on.
3

4 W: seems like three or four times at once. She came over here basic... she was working in
5 the, in the S-4 PBO realm in Dragon Brigade rear here at Fort Bragg. As I recall it, she
6 wanted, one NCOER and then the follow on NCOER. I wouldn't say the first or second,
7 because she may have been here long enough to have already had an NCOER or two but...
8

9 IO: She wanted to complete the record.

10
11 W: Right.

12
13 IO: They decided we, we're not going to be able to complete the record.
14

15 W: Correct, which is not an adverse personnel action.

16
17 IO: Right. Eventually she gets a annual or change of rater or something...
18

19 W: Right, because she going to PCS.

20
21 W: down the road.

22
23 IO: Okay.
24

25 W: Yeah, and she wants to structure the duty description to reflect an increase in
26 responsibility. And as I recall now, September '05, October '05, we're starting to see MSC's
27 redeploy and we're getting a little, quite a bit of work, mostly consultation with leaders and
28 teaching and training stuff with the MSC's. Furthermore, there's something going on here
29 that I think is important for the record. [] is trying, [] is trying yet again to throw a
30 case our way over there because he wants us to be, he wants to yank our strings. On several
31 occasions before, [] had sent questions for us to ask someone when he was working a case
32 back here and we didn't have enough information or enough background to know that if we
33 ask question one, and we get a certain answer, well maybe question two isn't appropriate right
34 now. Maybe we need to go question 1A, 1B, 1A sub 1, you know the branches and sequence
35 thing. And we kept telling him, say look, either send us the case or work it from your end. If
36 you want us to set up a telephonic interview, cool, but we're not going to ask a question and
37 then you come back, hey knucklehead, you should have asked this next, but that's []
38 personality. That was the case with [] Furthermore, we didn't see an adverse
39 personnel action the first time around, as I, as I recall.
40

41 IO: Right, and that's true, but...
42

43 W: So...
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[]

1 IO: and you just remember the case of reprisal coming up again?

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3 W: Oh it did, it did come up again and here's where I found about it. Two ways. One, a split
4 second contact with (b)(7)(C) as we were in, we were already redeploying folks. He
5 tries to get the inquiry... wait a minute, he got an e-mail from, I think we both got an e-mail,
6 (b)(7)(C) and I both got an e-mail from (b)(7)(C) or (b)(7)(C) saying, what's the story on
7 (b)(7)(C) NCOER? And Dragon Brigade is redeploying. And as I recall, the answer...
8 and I, I'd have to check, it'd be hard to check e-mail records, but maybe the file has it, I think
9 we said, the brigade commander's got it. He's concerned over the duty description. Once
10 again, she was trying to show growth and responsibility.

11

12 IO: Right.

13

14 W: I think she was redeploying.

15

16 IO: And [] trying to show that she was still a brigade level S-4.

17

18 W: Yes.

19

20 IO: When back here it was not a brigade...

21

22 W: Correct.

23

24 IO: headquarters. It was a rear detachment.

25

26 W: Correct.

27

28 IO: I think it was to the level of an STB is what he was trying to say it was.

29

30 W: Right, and (b)(7)(C) had it. It wasn't due yet. (b)(7)(C) being (b)(7)(C) the
31 Dragon Brigade commander, was alleged to have it by the (b)(7)(C) and it
32 wasn't due yet and they were sorting back and forth over duty description stuff.

33

34 IO: But she, she was saying it was late. Do you remember.

35

36 W: Yeah, but...

37

38 IO: Where's it at?

39

40 W: Yeah, but then, the information we had from back here was, it wasn't.

41

42 IO: Right. It wasn't late. I think it was what the determination...

43

44 W: Right.

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(b)(7)(C)

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2 IO: that, that was made.
3

4 W: And, and we said look, the Dragon Brigade headquarters is redeploying. When they get
5 to your end, let them, let them spend one night home and then ask them, say look this is
6 important. If you're not careful, it will late and you'll look bad. And that was the end of it,
7 and then the 21st of January, I get off the plane here at Fort Bragg and I haven't heard
8 anymore about it. In fact, I didn't know, in my own mind, the name of (b)(7)(C) or
9 (b)(7)(C) didn't trigger any thoughts until... understand that by the time I got back, I had
10 heard so much about (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) behavior back here, I was starting to watch every move
11 they made. And I remember on or about 22 February, it seems like that dates sticks out in my
12 mind, looking on (b)(7)(C) desk and seeing a handwritten IGAR, almost certainly his
13 handwriting, undated with (b)(7)(C) written on it. Now we all know that various cases
14 at different times, aren't wrapped up tight and we go back and we complete dates and we
15 complete... no question there, but I remember (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) making a big deal about this
16 sergeant, all of a sudden, and this NCOER and I'm thinking, why, why is this IGAR here
17 now? And why is it, what are we doing with it? And (b)(7)(C) evaded my answer and (b)(7)(C)
18 looked at (b)(7)(C) and he got very evasive, because (b)(7)(C) does what (b)(7)(C) tells him to do and it
19 should be the other way around. And I determined in my own mind that what we were trying
20 to do here was drag our feet, let Dragon Brigade make that NCOER late and then, go ah, you
21 screwed a soldier. And, like I said, that, I had been back right at one month when I saw this
22 stuff happen, or three or four weeks maybe. And I didn't like what I saw and like I said,
23 (b)(7)(C) has got his heart set on screwing over commanders and leaders in certain units.
24 20th Engineer Brigade for sure, a long term tradition in his part, 35th Signal Brigade, another
25 favorite target and (b)(7)(C) a favorite target in Dragon Brigade. (b)(7)(C) is not well
26 loved and he's everybody's target, but nonetheless you don't do things that constitute utilizing
27 your privileged IG position to harm subordinate leaders. We hope to keep them out of trouble
28 not put them in. So I said, okay, what's going on here? And (b)(7)(C) gave me a story
29 where it was (b)(7)(C) case and (b)(7)(C) was giving it to (b)(7)(C) because it was going to be
30 a Whistleblower and about that time (b)(7)(C) walks in the office. That's his office right
31 across the hall here, where (b)(7)(C) used to sit, guarding (b)(7)(C) door, keeping (b)(7)(C)
32 subordinates from speaking to (b)(7)(C) by making them go through the junkyard dog,
33 (b)(7)(C) And I said, (b)(7)(C) what's up with this? He goes, it's not mine. It's not a
34 whistleblower. Went back and forth, back and forth, the bottom line was, FORSCOM and
35 (b)(7)(C) say, it's not a whistleblower and (b)(7)(C) says, yes, it is. And then I determine the
36 reason (b)(7)(C) wants it to be a whistleblower is so (b)(7)(C) will give the job to Archenbo to do,
37 because (b)(7)(C) doesn't like to do paperwork. He's very bad at it. His casework, casework is not
38 great. Move forward a couple of days, like a say, this may be around the 20, 22nd of
39 February, right here in these two blue chairs, (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) and I'm in my desk
40 chair there and I'm thinking, what is going on here and why are we after (b)(7)(C) on this
41 NCOER? Because nobody has said anything good yet about poor old (b)(7)(C) She's out
42 for herself and she wants to get something for nothing or more than she justly deserve,
43 whatever the, the words that were used. You know, this wasn't a future Sergeant Major of the
44 Army we want to be taking care of. (b)(7)(C) was absolutely certain that FORSCOM would

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1 call it a whistleblower. Once again, (b)(7)(C) refused to call FORSCOM. If he had, I
2 wouldn't know it, but he refused to and it was consistent with his previous behavior because
3 (b)(7)(C) doesn't call anybody. He doesn't want his hands on nothing and he's, in fact, told
4 some other IG's that, you know, you don't see my name on this stuff. I told him, we had a, we
5 had a long meeting here. It must have gone two hours. Who did (b)(7)(C) call? (b)(7)(C)
6 (b)(7)(C) one of those, one or both of those guys and got a read out that...

7
8 IO: Or, involved in...

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10 W: this latest case wasn't, I don't know if it was...

11
12 IO: HRC proponent specialist?

13
14 W: I couldn't tell you about that. But I know he talked to FORSCOM or at least, let me say
15 this, I recall him having said...

16
17 IO: Yeah.

18
19 W: he talked to FORSCOM IG to get an...

20
21 IO: Okay.

22
23 W: adjustment from them.

24
25 IO: Okay.

26
27 W: Or, he would be (b)(7)(C) .. and, and I said, okay well, look, I don't care what it is, have
28 (b)(7)(C) work it out, but let's get it done. Once again we're sitting here on a case, the clock
29 is ticking, and we're going to put a commander in a disadvantaged position if we keep
30 dragging our feet. (b)(7)(C) was absolutely squirming in his chair. It was clear to me that
31 (b)(7)(C) had told (b)(7)(C) you better get this case moved out of my hands or I won't like
32 you no more, and of course, that's the way those two men run. The 13 does what the 12 tells
33 him to do and the 13 frequently misstates the truth to cover the 12. And I wasn't too happy
34 about the fact that we left a lot of information blank or out of the case files, because it
35 appeared to me that (b)(7)(C) was going to go back and change the dates on stuff to indicate
36 that he had told Dragon Brigade what Dragon Brigade needed to know to make this thing
37 happen on time and then Dragon Brigade drops the ball. Clear to me it was a, it was a case
38 where we're, we're going to structure the documents to look like what should have happened,
39 even though it was backdating falsely and I remember that being the day when I thought, okay
40 (b)(7)(C) this isn't just (b)(7)(C) that's being corrupt, you are as crooked as he is and I don't
41 want to hear anymore about Sunday school from you. And I got very very angry about the
42 (b)(7)(C) case. When, in fact, I wouldn't know (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) if she
43 walked in here. Never saw her. If I have, it must have been years ago and I didn't have any
44 reason to know who she was. But that, that case is a poster child for setting that, for (b)(7)(C)

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1 and [REDACTED] trying to set up a unit so that we can swoop down and make someone feel bad
2 about screwing up, screwing over soldiers, whatever. And not happy, not happy at all about
3 that. And once again, [REDACTED] attempts were to get it out of [REDACTED] hands, so if [REDACTED]
4 was on to them, it'd be [REDACTED] problem to clean it up and by now it was, it was a shambles.
5 And then of course, I guess I would like I was protecting [REDACTED] or something, which, I've
6 known [REDACTED] since he was a Major. I don't particularly look out for him because
7 he's... he gets what he deserves and nothing more. He's, he... on numerous occasions made
8 it know that he would... [REDACTED] is out for [REDACTED] and the soldiers know it and the command
9 climate is not positive as a result. So...

10
11 IO: Okay. I think you thoroughly answered the question.

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13 W: I'm sorry I'm...

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15 IO: That's okay.

16
17 W: my blood gets up about [REDACTED] because I came back hoping that what I heard
18 about [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was not true and [REDACTED] was the turning point when I realized
19 that I had two men, and I'll state it plainly, who were willing to lie and falsify data to make
20 leaders look as if they had knowingly and willingly done soldiers wrong.

21
22 IO: And, sir, and I was going to, I was going to hold this until after the interview, but for the
23 record... because what I think, what you're, you're stating they were improperly doing their
24 IG jobs.

25
26 W: Without a doubt, they were doing their jobs improperly.

27
28 IO: Right, and... well we'll save it until after this.

29
30 W: Okay.

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32 IO: We'll save that, until after this.

33
34 W: Okay, and to elaborate one more time, they were not doing it improperly just in that case,
35 but that, like I said, is the poster child for...

36
37 IO: Roger. Do you remember anything about the, the [REDACTED] whistleblower case?

38
39 W: I remember my own memories about the [REDACTED] case, yeah.

40
41 IO: How, let me go to the, what about do you remember the [REDACTED] case?

42
43 W: Yeah, I remember the name [REDACTED] It's...

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1 IO: Do you remember get?

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3 W: It was an NCO male and a lieutenant female, married to one another.

4

5 IO: Right, and they were... yeah.

6

7 W: And they were not maintaining marital fidelity. She was alleged to have committed
8 marital infidelity with a third party.

9

10 IO: (Affirmative)

11

12 W: Whose name I can't recall.

13

14 IO: (Affirmative) So I think the allegation maybe was substantiated.

15

16 W: Yeah.

17

18 IO: Do you, do you remember ever, and I don't... I wouldn't think, in my opinion that, that
19 IG's should get involved in, okay what's the, the punishment going to be against this
20 individual, but it seems like this office may wait and to see, okay, what's the outcome going to
21 be against this individual. What's the corrective action? Which generally, you look for that
22 when you're doing a hotline, because you got report corrective action to DoD.

23

24 W: Right.

25

26 IO: I don't know if it was a directive by you or if it was just, it was standard procedure for
27 this office to wait and close a case until you got what the corrective action was. Do you know
28 if, if you got involved in, in that in...

29

30 W: Yeah. That was ^{(b)(7)(C)} policy in A&I...

31

32 IO: (Affirmative)

33

34 W: that we don't close a case until we have some material proof of a commander action,
35 whatever that was, and of course...

36

37 IO: Right.

38

39 W: usually it's, it's negative. It's a, a memorandum, a reprimand or admonition or Article 15,
40 or...

41

42 IO: Whatever, we don't get involved in []...

43

44 W: [] steer it. No.

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(b)(7)(C)

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2 IO: We don't [] it... Right.

3

4 W: [] steer it, no.

5

6 IO: Right...

7

8 W: We just, we just want to have a copy in case DA/IG calls later.

9

10 IO: And if the commander is not it correctly, say...

11

12 W: Right.

13

14 IO: he's going to wait until he gets to Iraq...

15

16 W: Yeah. That was my, that's was my...

(b)

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18 IO: on this case.

19

20 W: Yeah. My concern in the [] case was this. I did not trust [] the 18th
21 SSG Commander, to process the case in a timely manner and I did not know why. I didn't, I
22 didn't assume or even conceive that there was an improper relationship between []
23 [] him, and [] her, although you know, she was the one who had been
24 running loose before. But frequently, brigade commanders, in my estimation, believe that if
25 something goes wrong in their command, it's a personal reflection on them. And yeah, we're
26 all responsible for everything the commander does and doesn't do, but, you know, if someone
27 goes out and DUI's, rarely is it something caused by the brigade commander. But, you know
28 they don't want some IG coming along and saying ah, caught your subordinate doing wrong.
29 Let's document it in the database, because they think it's their job to, to coach the soldier back
30 into the, to the, you know the true way towards the light and if they've got a IG database entry,
31 they're screwed forever. That's their perception. I kept telling [] you know, why
32 doesn't 19th SSG close this case out? I mean this thing started early in '04. It ran a long time.
33 Typical [] action, don't call anybody. Have a subordinate call. If the subordinate
34 can't get the answer, well, I guess we'll come back tomorrow and try another phone call. Not,
35 [] And when it comes to the AG finance world, that's where he came from, he wants
36 lots and lots of friends, no enemies, although he doesn't believe in the friends. I mean he just,
37 once again, he just don't want to be a bad guy about anything and when I say bad guy, he
38 doesn't want to be associated with maintaining the standard. So 18th SSG is getting ready to
39 deploy, September, October timeframe, November timeframe of '04, I don't remember the
40 exact date and I called [] and I said, I need your 15-6. Tell me if you found or
41 unfound problems? Got it [] Got it [] On the night [] went to green ramp to fly
42 OCONUS, a runner comes over with an unsigned 15-6. So I don't know if it's any good or
43 not, and [] is now on an airplane rolling towards the runway. To be honest with you, I
44 thought, okay, that was a deliberate act to give me something, but to not give me enough. So I

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(b)(7)(C)

1 sent [REDACTED] an [AKO] e-mail saying, hey man, fax me a copy of the signed page, because I
2 need it. No answer. No answer at all. No acknowledgment of anything. I get to a Iraq and I
3 find [REDACTED] He, he's split, his command is split between Kuwait and Iraq. I catch him in
4 [] Anaconda, I say, what's the story on the [REDACTED] case? He said, well here's what I'm
5 trying to do. I'm trying to wait until the corps commander arrives because I don't want
6 somebody outside our 18th Airborne Corps doing UCMJ on my officers. I, I found [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] to be guilty and so forth and so on. I didn't believe that story, but he's the
8 commander. He gets to make himself...

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10 IO: I'm sorry, could you repeat what he said.

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12 W: He said he was going to wait until the 18th Airborne Corps Commander got there to
13 assume the MNCI-CG part, because the MNCI-CG withheld jurisdiction on officers and he
14 didn't...

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16 IO: Who was not [REDACTED] at the time?

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18 W: He didn't, he didn't want [REDACTED] predecessor to deal with that case.

19
20 IO: Okay.

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22 W: So he was slow rolling it, wasn't telling anybody about it, hoping it would go slow and
23 the SJA here at the time, then [REDACTED] wasn't really happy about it, but
24 it was one of those things where he deployed and nobody could make him move fast on [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] and for one reason or another, the people that made [REDACTED] move fast refused to
26 motivate him. They got, mostly got involved in deployment stuff and it fell beneath the radar
27 scope. So I saw [REDACTED] right after we got to Bagdad. I'm up at [] Anaconda and I said,
28 look I need to know what's going on with that. Once again, he told me, I'm trying to wait
29 until [REDACTED] is the officer punishment authority, not [REDACTED] the 3 Corps commander
30 who was MNCI at the time. So, okay, well if that's their story, we'll stick to it. And in effect,
31 what happened was [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] and said, sir, she's a good officer, give her
32 a break. Please let the COSCOM CG handle this at the one-star level. That way, if there's an
33 appeal, it can come to you. Some decent logic there and then when [REDACTED] the
34 COSCOM commander, said let's hear the case, [REDACTED] told me he went in there and pled
35 on her behalf. Said please, make it light, [REDACTED] had an Article 15 in his hand. So he said,
36 no, no punishment. So that's what we got. We got eventually we got a, I think a signed 15-6.

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38 IO: And that was it?

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40 W: Right, and like I told [REDACTED] what I want to know is, are you doing something? Something
41 is the answer I need. I can't tell you what the answer is, I just need something. Do a, do a
42 commander's action and then let me have a copy so I can keep it with the records in case
43 DA/IG ever says what happened in the [REDACTED] case? He slow rolled that one and once
44 again, I think he was suffering from that syndrome where I'm a brigade commander, looks

1 like the IG is after one of my trusted subordinates. Let's all circle the wagons and defend
2 ourselves against the onslaught of the IG, so.

3
4 IO: Okay.

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6 W: And with a deployment period in there that helped slow things down, because it took
7 people out of the net for a week or two when they were flying different kinds of airplanes,
8 different kind of places.

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10 IO: If you could comment what you remember on the, on the (b)(7)(C) case. It was a soldier
11 who initially comes in with a whistleblower, comes in with a whistleblower reprisal case
12 because he, they were going to take, they were going to separate him. We find out the
13 separation action was improper. They dropped the separation. He requests a hardship. Now
14 there's a question of whether or not the characterization of the separation was going to be an
15 unfavorable action, i.e., reprisal in that the company commander was going to give,
16 recommend a general discharge versus honorable.

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18 W: (Affirmative)

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20 IO: And it tried to get tied to being, this is tied to a protected communication.

21
22 W: Yeah.

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24 IO: Did you get involved in any portion of that case?

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26 W: I did. Once again, this in my, in my view the (b)(7)(C) case is an example of IG abuse of
27 authority by (b)(7)(C) and endorsed by (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) came over here, as you said, and I
28 think the story, as I recall it, as I recall it, he comes to Fort Bragg as an E-5 and pretty soon
29 he's like an E-2. I'm thinking uh-oh. Has Fort Bragg again showed our dark side, you know,
30 bringing an NCO new to the airborne world and we show him that because you weren't here
31 and made friends as a Private, you're a new NCO and we need to throw someone out every
32 once in a while and you're it. 30th Engineering Battalion. [TOPO], deploys by teams, not by
33 units. So once again, we have a lot of small units being led by junior NCO's and I thought
34 well let's be sure that (b)(7)(C) isn't a victim of some obnoxious leadership or some absent
35 leadership. (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) are working all the details. You know, (b)(7)(C) is going
36 to get out of the Army. (b)(7)(C) case, as far as the 20th Air Brigade is concerned, is, is a
37 done deal. He's a bad guy and he's gone. At some point, again Robinson told me in
38 (b)(7)(C) presence as well, (b)(7)(C) wants to go home. Vargas is now getting so little
39 money that his family is back in Texas that he can't afford to live separately from them.

40
41 IO: Right, he wanted a hardship. He wanted out.

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43 W: Get me out. Went home. Somebody said, the Army did you wrong on the way out.
44 Another complaint comes up and what's going on here is (b)(7)(C) once again has got his

1 sight set on the 20th Engineering Brigade, because he doesn't like them. And I'm thinking,
2 okay, let's teach and train. Let's make sure this thing goes well. Who cares if [REDACTED] gets an
3 honorable discharge or an dishonorable discharge. I think the nature of his offenses were such
4 that they were basically personal and leadership failures. It wasn't any criminal thing.

5
6 IO: Right.

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8 W: Go make him a good hometown recruiter. Let his last memory of his Army be good.
9 Process it fast, get him out of here, let's quit this mess. [REDACTED]

10
11 IO: Process?

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13 W: Process his case.

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15 IO: Okay.

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17 W: Let's solve it and let the command know what we think should be done right and then
18 let's move on. [REDACTED] became [REDACTED] reason for coming to work. Once again, my
19 assessment was, and I told him such, I told [REDACTED] such, I said we're not going after 20th
20 Engineering Brigade on this. We're going to help the 20th Engineer Brigade as much as our
21 charter permits and we're going to get out of it. Then I deployed to Iraq and the reservist we
22 had here, [REDACTED] via e-mails and phone calls, let me know what they're working.
23 One of the things is the [REDACTED] case. I'm thinking, holly cow what could this be doing that it
24 drags on into the spring and summer of 2005? Well [REDACTED] has gone TD... he has alleged,
25 now I wasn't here, but he is alleged to have gone TDY to New England and to Fort Leonard
26 Wood Missouri to see people involved in the [REDACTED] case. I'm thinking, why do we need to
27 go interview people in the [REDACTED] case? Advise the command as to what's proper and, oh by
28 the way, engineer brigades don't through soldiers out of the Army. It requires the personnel
29 system to cooperate or you can't make it happen. So I don't want to hear anything about this
30 company commander screwed this up all by him or herself or a battalion commander or
31 brigade commander all by him or her self. It had to be somebody in the personnel services
32 world cooperating with screwing up or it won't go wrong. At one point in the game, this
33 would have been at least a summer of '05, I told [REDACTED] I said look, I understand now that
34 [REDACTED]. and I'm saying summer of '05, it might have been the fall. I said, I'm assuming now
35 that [REDACTED] is still working the [REDACTED] case. I understand that you may have a problem as a
36 substitute teacher, you know, my IMA stand-in telling [REDACTED] what to do. I said, let me tell you
37 this. I want [REDACTED] to do what's right and if [REDACTED] can show me he's done what's right, then we
38 don't have a problem. But I'm going to do a due process review of my own and I'm going to
39 sit around the little round table in my office and we're going to talk about this [REDACTED] case and
40 [REDACTED] better not show me where one, at the time GS-11, spent an enormous amount of time and
41 other resources working one case far outside the IG charter just to get the 20th Engineer
42 Brigade to feel bad about being his enemy. Sure enough, the next thing I know [REDACTED] is telling
43 [REDACTED]. I'm getting this through [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] our admin officer, that
44 he's trying to take a couple of days off and work a case at home without distraction, because

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1 he wants to close this thing up, because he knows when I come back, I'm going to ask why we
2 spent so much time on a case and all we did, and we have it on tape, is verbally abuse a
3 company commander and other things that didn't help the case at all. And oh by the way, if
4 (b)(7)(C) the former commander of the 3rd Engineer Battalion, is alleged to have
5 done some administrative discharge improperly, who helped him? Because he can't do it by
6 himself. It takes an Army personnel service, probably the installation AG or the 18th SSG
7 rear, to help kick this kid out of the Army. So who else is not supporting 20th Engineer
8 Brigade commanders when they need help kicking a soldier out who is failing to maintain a
9 standard. And it went back and forth, back and forth. What a mess. And I told, I told (b)(7)(C) on
10 the phone, I called him and I talked to (b)(7)(C) I said, you better be doing what's right with that
11 (b)(7)(C) case because to me it looks like a cottage industry that's supporting one man's job and
12 I think we are on the limits here of common sense. And sure enough, when I got back I was
13 assured it was closed, don't mess with it, oh yeah we got rid of that thing. It was done. It's
14 taken care of it. But, you know in fact, what I learned was, is, in one case in fact some of the
15 witness, some of the assumed witnesses were at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri. So (b)(7)(C) orders
16 (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) one of other assistance NCO's or civilians rather, they're going to go
17 TDY to Fort Leonard Wood. No prior coordination made that we know of with anybody.
18 They get to Fort Leonard Wood, they call the folks in they want to talk to and the folk's
19 lawyer up. In other words, invoke their rights, don't testify. So we've got all this time spent
20 preparing, flying, hoteling, rental carring, and people say nope. Well the Fort Leonard Wood
21 IG could have told them that by calling them in and saying, I have questions to ask you, and
22 we would have nobody fly, you know, no money spent for needless travel by two government
23 officials and it was just, once again it was, it was my assessment coupled with, with an
24 overbearing improper interviews to young (b)(7)(C) the, one of the company commanders
25 in 30th who I know and surface, you know, superficially I, I think he's a pretty good kid.
26 What was, what was the purpose other than to vent all over the 20th Engineer Brigade who, if
27 you're (b)(7)(C) you hate. So it was, yeah that's...

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29 IO: Why is that? What's the motivation against the 20th?

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31 W: First of all, (b)(7)(C) thinks no one is as good as a (b)(7)(C) as he
32 was.

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34 IO: He was a (b)(7)(C) there?

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36 W: No. He was...

37
38 IO: Oh, I'm sorry. (b)(7)(C)

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40 W: He was the 1st Sergeant of HHC COSCOM during Desert Storm, he alleges, and then
41 he's real murky about whether he was a Sergeant Major or a CSM, but he served as a Sergeant
42 Major in Alaska and then at Fort Jackson. He doesn't like the leaders in the 20th Engineer
43 Brigade and one of the things that happened, this was background years ago, there was a
44 Captain who was the bright shining young favorite Captain of the 27th Engineer Battalion

1 Combat Airborne and he had a problem with zodiac boats and somehow or another (b)(7)(C) and
2 (b)(7)(C) got word of it. They went over there like CID or MPI, come busting in the supply
3 room... I read the, I read the case files and the 20th Engineer Brigade basically had to lock
4 arms and guard the doors against the IG because the brigade commander at the time, the 20th
5 Engineer Brigade was a guy named (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) command style was seeking
6 unlimited popularity. (b)(7)(C) a nice guy, but he can't call a spade a spade because he doesn't
7 want to be the bad guy. He's like (b)(7)(C) Don't, don't make me say something bad
8 or I'll, I won't be loved. Well you can't have a brigade commander like that. Every once in a
9 while the brigade commander has got to be the bad guy and say here's the policy. Does
10 anyone have any questions, because there's the door. And (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) couldn't do
11 that. And, and I like (b)(7)(C) he's a nice guy. He's also a retired Colonel now, so he
12 didn't go any further and that's not unusual for a [] brigade. But (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) set their
13 sites for (b)(7)(C) and for (b)(7)(C) subordinates because they wanted to show those guys, you
14 know, who was the bigger man and that tradition continues to this day. You give (b)(7)(C) or (b)(7)(C)
15 a sniff of a problem in 20th Engineer Brigade, they will turn into some Sergeant Major or
16 some field grade...

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18 IO: And (b)(7)(C) was formerly an engineer?

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20 W: No, he's formerly an NCO, NCO. 1st Sergeant

21

22 IO: Okay.

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24 W: He was... that I know, he was never an engineer, but over the case of a 25 or so year
25 career he could have been God knows what.

26

27 IO: Right.

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29 W: But primarily at the end he was a, he was an admin kind of guy. You know personnel
30 services, logistics.

31

32 IO: But for some unknown reason []?

33

34 W: Well like I said, I think he, as an IG, as a civilian IG, as an assistant IG, not a... he went
35 over to 20th Engineer Brigade that day to do that zodiac boat thing because he decided those
36 guys needed to be learned a lesson and when they rebuffed him and told him the commander
37 is in charge over here, he took that at, okay, no, you don't understand I'm the IG and he has
38 decided that he will never rest until those guys understand he's the big man on campus and
39 (b)(7)(C) does whatever (b)(7)(C) wants to do, because he wants a junkyard dog around in
40 case some bad thing needs taken care of. So there, the (b)(7)(C) case in my, in my view, from
41 where I sit, was not a case of a soldier seeking assistance, soldier wanting to get out of the
42 Army the right way. We could do that easy. That's not a hard thing to do.

43

44 IO: Do you know any allegations of reprisal in that case?

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2 W: Yeah. There were, once again [REDACTED]

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4 IO: Oh, it was a reprisal case, right.

5

6 W: Yeah.

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8 IO: For a while.

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10 W: For awhile and then as, as [REDACTED] was departing and [REDACTED] was
11 incoming, [REDACTED] I believe by himself, get over there and show those guys how to get
12 this right and I don't know if he called or went, but [REDACTED] who I've known for several
13 years, took the phone call like, like [REDACTED] just all gentleman and said, we will do the right
14 thing. And they stopped the, the procedures to make sure they were in accordance with the
15 rules and somehow after that, after the brigade, the 20th Engineer Brigade of course deployed
16 to OIF, October, November of '04, it got out of tolerance again and rather than monitoring it
17 and helping the command do the right thing, if they catch you making a mistake, saying stop
18 you're going to, you're going to step on a landmine here, it's like, let's go after some leaders.
19 And, in fact, we have a recording...

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21 IO: (Affirmative)

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23 W: of [REDACTED] dressing down [REDACTED] [REDACTED] walked up to me in the [DEFAC] in Baghdad
24 to tell me, sir, I need to let you know I hung up on one of your IG's.

25

26 IO: It was over the phone while he was in Iraq.

27

28 W: Yeah, and [REDACTED] said, I'll tell you about it. He told me about it and I said, you did the
29 right thing.

30

31 IO: Okay.

32

33 W: We don't, we don't go in the overbearing mode. If it gets to that point, we stop
34 questioning.

35

36 IO: Okay. We'll just get the last question. Can you give me the details of the reason for [REDACTED]
37 [REDACTED] departure from the IG office?

38

39 W: Yes, I didn't think [REDACTED] had the proper temperament for IG duty. And
40 fundamentally he also didn't, while he did not have the proper temperament for IG duty, [REDACTED]
41 [REDACTED] did not have the spine, the balls if you want to use, to tell [REDACTED] hey, you're
42 outside the limits of IG behavior. Please get back in... once again, whatever [REDACTED] does is, I
43 mean [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

1 IO: You said, you said he knew 20-1.

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3 W: Oh.

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5 IO: He knows how to be an IG.

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7 W: He knows how to be an IG, but he, his temperament is such that he is a little past the line
8 of he's not just aggressive, he's abrasive. And, you know, case in point, we had a lieutenant
9 colonel over in G-2, 18th Airborne Corps come over one day because he had been appointed
10 investigating officer and [REDACTED] was rude to him and [REDACTED], the Lieutenant
11 Colonel that we're talking about, went up to [REDACTED] and later on me and said, you
12 know, I felt kind of like, I'm thinking, wait a minute, you all summoned me. You told us to
13 do a 15-6 and I go over there and [REDACTED] is rude to me? Why? What's up with that?
14 And the same guy, by the way, got it later from, from [REDACTED] who also thought, you know,
15 it was neat to walk out in the hallway and, and show someone who is boss. When, when, in
16 the later summer of '04, I came back from a staff meeting sat in my chair, [REDACTED]
17 came to the door and said, so, what'd you learn at the staff meeting? I said, well the PAO says
18 we have the prepare, we have the deployment order. We won't announce it yet, but if
19 someone asks, we will confirm that corps will deploy right after the turn of the year to serve as
20 a Multinational Corps Iraq and [REDACTED] stood there and the first thing out of his mouth
21 after being told that this headquarters was deploying to war was, well, that means we'll have
22 no problem extending [REDACTED] And I remember my eyes just turning around in my head
23 thinking, you know, if I told you to go to war, you might have several things come to your
24 mind immediately, but extending a civilian is not at the top ten. I mean we can take care of
25 that, that's routine business done routinely, but oh by the way, why would I want to leave [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED] back here because he's rude to people, when there's a Colonel, and a Lieutenant
27 Colonel and a Sergeant Major. When you can't control him, I'm not leaving him here. So I
28 called [REDACTED] in and I said, here's what I'm going to do. I want you to find out from civilian
29 personnel how I can move him out of here. He said, well he's a temporary employee, we can
30 just... I said okay, I want you to tell me when we speak to him, because I'm going to set him
31 down here and I'm going to tell him thanks for his service, but I don't believe that he's right
32 for this job and that I want him to go find something else to do.

33
34 IO: Did you do that?

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36 W: No, because [REDACTED] insisted that he be the guy to tell him.

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38 IO: Do you know if [REDACTED] tried to ever counsel him or develop him?

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40 W: I know [REDACTED] did not. Because on several occasions when I told [REDACTED] okay, look, I've been
41 told this by somebody, you know, [REDACTED] spoke to somebody in an abrasive manner, in
42 an improper manner, in a rude manner. [REDACTED] on one occasion said, well you know
43 he's kind of under [REDACTED] supervision, so I'll tell [REDACTED] to talk to him. That's as good as it ever
44 got.

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[REDACTED]

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2 IO: Was he indeed under?

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4 W: No.

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6 IO: Okay.

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8 W: [REDACTED] has been set up by [REDACTED] to, [REDACTED] to be a supervisor. This
9 violates civilian personnel policy. It's in violation of a job duty description, the position
10 description, the PD if you want to call it, and in fact it has led to an enormous amount of
11 problems in this office because the way that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] set their offices up while I was
12 deployed to Afghanistan basically put [REDACTED] in the position of guarding access to [REDACTED] and, in
13 fact, refusing access to [REDACTED] except by people outranking anybody else in the office. So me
14 and the Sergeant Major and [REDACTED] would go in there and see [REDACTED] but
15 anybody else [REDACTED] basically was rude to them and told them to go away and if they were a part
16 of the assistance business or the investigations business, they thought [REDACTED] was in charge.

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18 IO: So it gave him increased responsibility, supervisory responsibility when he wasn't in the
19 supervisory position?

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21 W: I'm hesitating because I'm not sure...

22
23 IO: Well...

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25 W: the word responsibility is right. He, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were careful to never want [REDACTED] to be
26 responsible for something except to [REDACTED]. If, the party line was [REDACTED] the boss. So Ron is the
27 big man. He's responsible, but yet they de facto, yes.

28
29 IO: Was he, was he ever considered a Team Chief?

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31 W: By [REDACTED] Yes. By me? No. And, in fact, I told [REDACTED] after I got back, I don't
32 understand this Team Chief thing. The next thing I know, I'm being told he's told the troops
33 over there, the troops, the personnel that I don't like the word Team Chief, he's now their
34 work group leader. So I get word of that. I go and I say, look you're not getting it. I'm not
35 worried about semantics, I'm worried about performance. [REDACTED] is not a supervisor. He's not
36 an approver. He's not a reviewer. He's a peer. If they want to do a peer check, fine but I
37 want you to do your job and I want you to supervise these folks. The next thing I know, he's
38 had a meeting and he's told those folks they better not talk to me ever again and that as far as
39 he's concerned, [REDACTED] will still review their work, approve their absences from the office, and
40 so forth and so on.

41
42 IO: [REDACTED] is telling...

43
44 W: Oh yeah.

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[REDACTED]

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2 IO: his people that.

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4 W: (b)(7)(C) is telling his people that and he's furthermore telling them, and I get this from
5 my civilians, that if they tell me this, they'll suffer because the civilians are going to be here
6 longer than me.

7

8 IO: And would you say that, that (b)(7)(C) did wrong setting him up as, and what that was in
9 violation of the civilian personnel?

10

11 W: Look, the civilian personnel, the position description for (b)(7)(C)

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13 IO: (Affirmative)

14

15 W: Doesn't have any supervisory.

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17 IO: That's what I'm, that's what I was getting at.

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19 W: And so what he did is he made (b)(7)(C) a supervisor over folks and (b)(7)(C) is not
20 empowered, authorized to be a supervisor by the civilian personnel system.

21

22 IO: Right. Okay.

23

24 W: And, in fact, the real thing he did was, is he withdrew himself from his own
25 responsibilities. He abdicated. He wants the money. He doesn't want the responsibly. He
26 doesn't want the hassle, if you want to use that word, of talking to people that he doesn't like.
27 Now (b)(7)(C) doesn't like women, doesn't like enlisted people, and doesn't like people
28 of color. So he doesn't like those folks coming...

29

30 IO: And would you say he considered himself the deputy to []?

31

32 W: Well...

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34 IO: []

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36 W: In fact he...

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38 IO: []

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40 W: in fact was.

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42 IO: Right.

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(b)(7)(C)

1 W: Before, right before I got here, he and my predecessor added some deputy language to his
2 position description which is unnecessary because the TONE clearly calls Lieutenant Colonel
3 the deputy. What (b)(7)(C) wanted was to go from 12 to 13, and as I was rolling in here in
4 2002, that happened. So while I was gone to Afghanistan, (b)(7)(C) was promoted to
5 make... (b)(7)(C) long term vis, let me say it's better. (b)(7)(C) has convinced (b)(7)(C)
6 that the long-term plan for this office is for (b)(7)(C) to be nice, acceptable, noncontroversial
7 and to get promoted as many times as he can, so when he retires in about, call it 2009, 2010...
8 no wait a minute, call it 8 or 9, 2008, 2009, that (b)(7)(C) will be the heir apparent because
9 they will, (b)(7)(C) and whoever the IG is will talk and talk and talk and (b)(7)(C) will sell
10 (b)(7)(C) as the man who makes it all happen and then (b)(7)(C) will go from where he sits...

11

12 IO: 11 to 12?

13

14 W: Well now, the reason he's a 12 is because (b)(7)(C) told a lie or correction, (b)(7)(C)
15 told a lie. As I was redeploying, (b)(7)(C) went over to (b)(7)(C) and said (b)(7)(C) wants
16 you to submit (b)(7)(C) for a promotion to 12. There was a problem because (b)(7)(C) was
17 hired to be a 12. We also have this young kid coming in who's going to be a 12 and
18 (b)(7)(C) an 11. (b)(7)(C) cannot live with himself in this situation and (b)(7)(C) told me
19 after I got back and after 1 February when the promotion took effect and it was too late to
20 stop, that he didn't see where that was fair, that he thought (b)(7)(C) should at least equate to,
21 if not outrank, (b)(7)(C) because age and experience and all that kind of stuff.

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23 IO: So he was an 11 target 12?

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25 W: Who?

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27 IO: (b)(7)(C)

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29 W: No, he's just an 11. He, when I first got here, he was a 9.

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31 IO: Then how's he, how was he promoted to a 12? You had a 12 vacancy?

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33 W: No. (b)(7)(C) walked over and told (b)(7)(C) that I wanted a new job description
34 fixed to wherever it took...

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36 IO: Oh so you...

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38 W: to get (b)(7)(C) promoted to as 12.

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40 IO: So you [] his description?

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42 W: Yeah.

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44 IO: You got it reclassified. They got reclassified?

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(b)(7)(C)

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2 W: Got it reclassified as a 12 and he was promoted on...

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4 IO: Got you.

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6 W: 1 February or 1 March.

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8 IO: Internal promotion.

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10 W: And I, in fact, when I found out about it, I was sitting in the CPAC office trying to start
11 some sort of inquiry from CPAC into what was going on over here, because I didn't feel like it
12 was my place to investigate myself and that's when I found out [REDACTED] was a 12 and I said,
13 you got to be joking me. That's not what I said. That's what I meant, and they said, oh yeah,
14 you told [REDACTED] to do it, so we did it. I said how could I have told [REDACTED] to do
15 it? I'm finding out about this for the first time right now? You know early February 2006,
16 you're telling me that on 1 February he was a 12 and I'm responsible for it. Well okay, I
17 guess I'm responsible, but I sure as hell didn't order it to be done. And now, once again, you
18 know, we've caught [REDACTED] and he will compromise his integrity to keep [REDACTED]
19 assuaged, but happy, because he wants to use [REDACTED] to do his dirty work and [REDACTED] has
20 fooled [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] thinks he's got the leash. Some of the things that
21 [REDACTED] has said about [REDACTED] make it clear that [REDACTED] is out for [REDACTED] and if he
22 has to throw [REDACTED] under the bus, not a problem and the sad part about it is [REDACTED]
23 doesn't realize it. He thinks he's on the guns side of the gun target line and he ain't and it's,
24 it's a crying shame. The language that [REDACTED] used, [REDACTED] was cited by the
25 FORSCOM MART, the Manpower Assessment Review Team, as doing at least 12 work if
26 not two 11's. She does IGMET for all of Fort Bragg, admin for me and all of IG office, she
27 does resources, she does travel, does a number of things, many of which would fall into a
28 second job, don't have it. Don't have the authorization. She's also going through menopause
29 and at one time I'm sure she was a very, very lovely blonde lady. She's got a very sweet
30 personality. She works hard and she's as honest to a fault and one day [REDACTED] I am, I am told by
31 numerous sources in my information gathering from here last January and February, referred
32 to her as a fat bitch and people heard it out in the hallway to include her. And, you know, if
33 you want to call someone that, then take them aside and say, I think you're a whatever to their
34 face but, you know, the old praise in public, punish in private thing, I don't think that's just
35 military, you know. He's been rude to [REDACTED] in front of clients who didn't know what
36 was going on inside the office with regard to dynamics, because young soldiers [] the green
37 suiters. They see civilians walking around they can't figure out, you know, who ranks who,
38 who does what to who. They see some gruff old man walk over and verbally abuse the IG that
39 they're hoping is going to help them. So now they well good, I'm definitely...

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41 IO: Who was doing that, I'm sorry?

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43 W: [REDACTED]
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1 IO: [REDACTED] was doing that?

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3 W: Was verbally abusing [REDACTED] in front of a client, so now the client is thinking, oh
4 good, I've got the class Z, certainly class A, IG working for me. And that's what it was
5 intended to be. [REDACTED] wanted this soldier to know that he was the big dog otherwise
6 there'd be doubt and that's where [REDACTED] lives. He comes in, in the morning, when he
7 shows up, to make someone suffer so he can look good by comparison and, and I knew he had
8 this tendency before I deployed to Iraq, but I thought that there was a line across which he
9 would not go and I found out that to be the wrong assessment and that [REDACTED] would
10 basically endorse whatever he did.

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12 IO: I think that was it. Anything else you want to present?

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14 W: No, I'm just thinking [REDACTED] going to hear this tape and hear the bugle and think
15 we're off screwing off at some racetrack, but that's a different story. We are in my office.
16 Obviously, I don't know and I don't need to know where this came from. I owe you more
17 answers. I will find out about this, this other issue but one of the things I want to make really
18 clear to the FORSCOM IG is, we're trying to do the right thing up here. We make mistakes.
19 We're in the midst, however, of a real nightmare with, with regard to a civilian personnel
20 situation and as a result, you know I, as you know, since some point in March, [REDACTED]
21 and [REDACTED] are on admin leave by order of the corps commander now, who has
22 directed they not to return to this place of duty until he gives the order. So it's kind of hard
23 for some civilian personnel authority or JAG or me to say, yeah, come back on back in and
24 I'm not going to do that anyway. So in the midst of all this that's, that may be an issue
25 hanging in the environment that may not be readily apparent to someone who reads your
26 questions and then reads my answers. I think some of these assertions and allegations may be
27 not just misperception, but may be, in fact, distortions of the truth. Because I have, I have
28 submitted to civilian personnel for potential dismissal from the civil service because I think
29 their offenses were egregious. So whether or not that has anything to do with it, while you're
30 talking to me, that's what's going on in my mind. I'm seeing these two guys and that's why I
31 get a little bit animated about the [REDACTED] case or the [REDACTED] case, because the
32 questions may be just, hey [REDACTED] do you need retraining? Are you a screwed up IG? And
33 I'm thinking, well the [REDACTED] case and [REDACTED] case are much more than just did the IG do right
34 by the IG system, but in my view they were, they were vehicles that were corrupted by
35 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to try and place leaders in jeopardy unfairly. Just for the purpose of
36 building their own self esteem at the expense of those leaders. Nothing more and it's, on the
37 seventh, negative, on the 12th of July, the CG, [REDACTED] summoned me, the CPAC
38 Director of Civilian [REDACTED], [REDACTED] the Corp SJA, [REDACTED] and his Deputy, his
39 labor lawyer, [REDACTED], to the CG's office and the CG was most upset about what he
40 learned about these two guys and their behavior and tomorrow or the next day I will be
41 interviewed by CID, in fact, who's also pursuing information, trying to figure out what's
42 going on here. And I, and I'm sorry about that because, you know the last thing you want to
43 do is have [REDACTED], you know, if it's a phone call from 18th Airborne Corps IG, it's bound to be,
44 oh man, we're screwing up down here. We have an investigation going when we need to be

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[REDACTED]

1 taking care of business that's 20-1 stuff. So like I said, while the questioner may be thinking,
2 you know, did you violate 20-1 or the JER? I'm thinking, well not only, no, did we not
3 violate 20-1, at least not intentionally or, no, we didn't violate anything else standard wise, at
4 least not intentionally, we do have a couple of IG's who are using an assistance request or a
5 discovery of improper behavior, of alleged improper behavior, to harass unit leaders to the
6 point where it's way past, you know, Army values, Army standards, 20-1, way past that. So,
7 once again, you know, my perception of the question is probably different than yours.
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9 IO: Got it.

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11 W: But that's it.

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13 IO: I think I've got who I think we ought to talk to, [REDACTED]

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15 W: Right.

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17 IO: Being one.

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19 W: I can provide you his phone number because he's...

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21 IO: I think I've got it, sir.

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23 W: Okay.

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25 IO: Anybody else?

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27 W: [REDACTED] I think would be worth your time. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are
28 not here this week. They're TDY to the IG school for the recertification course. They would,
29 they would have, [REDACTED] of course, would have personal experience to relate to with
30 regard to the [REDACTED] case. I, I'll have to get back to you if I can think of anybody else.
31

32 IO: Okay, sir. We are required to protect the confidentiality of IG investigations and the
33 rights, privacy, and reputation of all people involved in them. We ask people not to discuss or
34 reveal matters under investigation. Accordingly, we ask that you do not discuss this matter
35 with anyone except your attorney, if you choose to consult one, without the permission of the
36 investigating officers. Your testimony may be made part of an official Inspector General
37 record. Earlier I advised you that while access is normally restricted to persons who clearly
38 need the information to perform their official duties, your testimony may be released outside
39 official channels. Individual members of the public who do not have an official need to know,
40 may request a copy of this record to include your testimony. If there is such a request, do you
41 consent to the release of your testimony, but not your personal identifying information such as
42 name, social security number, home address or home phone number outside official channels?
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44 W: No.

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IO: Do you have any questions?

W: No questions at this time.

IO: Okay, the time is 17:11. The interview is concluded.

(Whereupon the matter was concluded)

The above sworn testimony of [REDACTED] was recorded digitally and was transcribed by [REDACTED] Medical Office Mate. Leander, Texas. Verified by:

Signature [REDACTED] August 9, 2006

[REDACTED]
FORSCOM IG

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