
Letter to the President



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

Re: OSC File Nos. DI-06-1645 and DI-06-1904

Dear Mr. President:

The Office of Special Counsel received disclosures from Ronald Mansfield and Emmitt Robinson, whistleblowers at the Department of the Army, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg Office of the Inspector General, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Robinson alleged that Colonel James Huggins, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg Inspector General, breached his duty and violated his ethical obligations as Inspector General by arbitrarily and capriciously delaying, hindering, or failing to order investigations into his colleagues of similar rank.

The whistleblowers' allegations were referred to the Honorable Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army, to conduct an investigation pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1213(c) and (d). The Secretary tasked the Honorable Ronald J. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, with conducting the investigation. Assistant Secretary James delegated the authority to conduct the investigation to the U.S. Army Forces Command Office of the Inspector General. We received a report dated December 21, 2007.

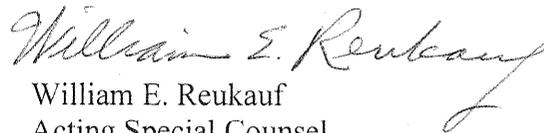
As discussed in the attached Analysis of Disclosures, the agency investigation did not substantiate the whistleblowers' allegations. Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Robinson declined to provide comments on the report. As required by law, 5 U.S.C. § 1213(e)(3), I am now transmitting to you the agency's report.

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

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

Respectfully,

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

William E. Reukauf
Acting Special Counsel

Enclosures