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RE: Sparky Edwards, OSC File No. DI-13-2348
Response to Supplemental Report Submitted by Department of Navy

Dear Ms. Pennington:

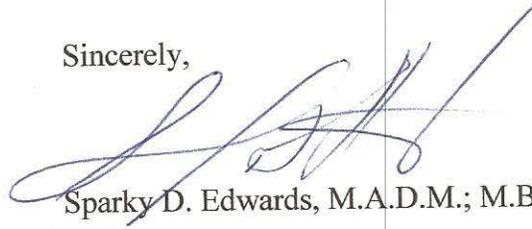
This letter constitutes my comments in response to the Department of the Navy's supplemental report. Dated June 1, 2015, prepared in response to my allegations that employees at the Navy's Strategic Systems Programs (SSP), Washington Navy Yard, engaged in conduct that constituted a violation of law, rule or regulation, gross mismanagement, and a substantial and specific danger to public safety. My comments to the June 1, 2015 Report are as follows:

- Mere months after I was separated from my employment, the shooting that occurred in Building 197 proved my analysis to be correct in regards to my concerns related to the lack of exterior guards. At the time I left employment, there were no guards at all in Building 200. Guards were not implemented until after I left.
- In mid-2012 I began reporting that I didn't have access to the RADM as required in NAV Regulations and my signed appointment letter. Senior Management officials who engaged in the unlawful conduct at issue in my disclosures were the personnel responsible for breaking this link between the Director and me (the CSM.)
- During the course of my employment, I researched and submitted to Management several State Department, CIA, AR, DoD and other regulations providing further clarification as to the term "solid material." In 1994, the Navy published guidance as to the definition of this term, stating that it must consist of "solid wood core door, a minimum of 1 3/4 inches thick."
- Upon information and belief, the Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO), the Commander of the U.S. Fleet Force Command (USFF) and the Commander of SSP were all classmates together at the Naval Academy. This prior relationship presents a significant conflict of interest which prevents the VCNO and the Commander USFF from providing an unbiased and meaningful security-in-depth review of SSP.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments for inclusion in the record

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Edwards', written in a cursive style.

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CONSENT TO PUBLIC RELEASE
OF WRITTEN COMMENTS ON AGENCY REPORT

(OSC File No. DI-13-2348)

I consent to public release by the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) of my written comments on the agency supplemental report required by OSC in response to my disclosure in the file identified above. My consent includes placement of my written comments in the public file maintained by OSC pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1219(a)(1).*

I understand that my consent means that OSC may release my written comments in response to an outside party's request for access to the public file; as part of any press release issued by OSC about the agency report; or in other circumstances deemed appropriate by OSC. I also understand that my consent means that that my written comments may be included in public file or press release documents posted from time to time on OSC's web site (www.osc.gov).

SPARKY DEAN EDWARDS

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Date

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