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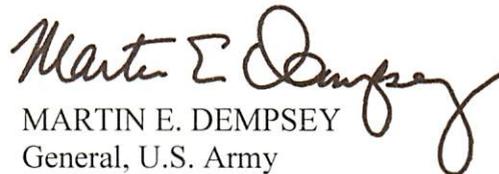
Dear Madam Chair:

Thank you for your letter dated 19 September 2014. As you know, the senior leaders of our Nation's military consider military justice a critical issue to maintaining good order and discipline within the Armed Forces.

Because the exercise of authority under the Uniform Code of Military Justice is an inherent title 10 responsibility, the Judicial Proceedings Panel Request for Information Set #1 appropriately directed the majority of the questions to the Services. I directed my Office of Legal Counsel to consult with the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Defense to address the issues raised in the referenced request for information.

Thank you and the members of the Judicial Proceedings Panel for the important and valuable work you are undertaking.

Sincerely,


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