



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
COMMANDING GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY ACCESSIONS COMMAND/
DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL FOR INITIAL MILITARY TRAINING
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Record of Phone Conversation with (b)(6)

1. On Friday, 21 Nov 08, at approximately 0950 hrs, I conducted a telephonic interview with (b)(6). The purpose of this interview was to collect background information as part of the AR 15-6 investigation into the deaths of SSG Aron Andersson on or about 6 Mar 07; SSG Larry Flores on or about 8 Aug 08; CPT Rico Robinson sometime between 15-18 Jan 06; and SFC Patrick Henderson on or about 20 Sep 08. The line of questioning pertained to his relationship with individuals involved in the chain of command. (b)(6) offered the following testimony:

a. I asked (b)(6) about the command climate in the battalion and companies. His response was that (b)(6)'s comment stirred sensing session because of concerns about leadership; backbriefed BLT, (b)(6). There is a great fear of reprisal among the recruiters; very hesitant to speak freely about climate. (b)(6) Company would not "say a word" ...also (b)(6) Company recruiters. There is abuse of the Time Off Policy; (b)(6) companies filling out time cards. He stated that Soldiers felt only recourse was to have spouses call the Battalion Commander (battalion commander was very responsive to spouse complaints). He backbriefed (b)(6) and (b)(6) within 10 days of the sensing session; told them it was the most difficult sensing session he had done. Verbal threats made for low production. 79Rs use the threat of "sending back to mainstream Army" with negative report. He found no NCOER counseling being performed.

b. (b)(6) fully understood his rights and all implications of the Privacy Act Statement, providing full testimony without coercion and undue influence.

2. I can be reached for further comment on this phone conversation at (757) 788-4718.

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and Chief of Staff