

# **Enclosure 49**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND (AIRBORNE)  
H-3531, 9TH INFANTRY LANE (STOP A)  
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28310

April 28, 2023

The Honorable Richard Hudson  
United States Representative  
Attention: Kimberly Baldwin  
225 Green Street, Suite 202  
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301

Dear Representative Hudson,

We appreciate your recent letter regarding the issues raised by Sergeant First Class (SFC) Michael Forbes. We take SFC Forbes' allegations very seriously. As such, we have inquired into every one of SFC Forbes' allegations, to include his current concerns. Regarding SFC Forbes' current concerns, multiple inquiries found that there is no evidence to substantiate his claims. As a matter of fact, as recent as February 9, 2023, this command initiated an inquiry to investigate other allegations raised by Sergeant First Class Forbes. A senior commissioned officer was appointed as the investigating officer. That senior commissioned officer was selected to conduct a thorough investigation because of his experience, and he was a disinterested party. The investigating officer found that SFC Forbes displayed counterproductive/unprofessional behavior. Furthermore, the investigating officer concluded:

SFC Forbes' allegations have some factual (*sic*) base but are wildly divergent from the minutia details of what actually took place. In essence, SFC Forbes overexaggerates circumstances. This is a trend throughout all the topics of this investigation, SFC Forbes seems to take routine work disputes, misunderstandings, or relatively minor issues and turn them into something larger than is warranted. His reaction is often aggressive and unprofessional by other witnesses.

In summary, we have investigated all of SFC Forbes' allegations once they came to our attention, and we will continue to take every prudent measure to inquire into any new allegation. I thank you for your interest in this matter and I hope the information we provided was helpful. Please rest assured knowing that we will continue to support our servicemembers who bring forward any allegation of wrongdoing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. Nelson", written over a white background.

Patrick R. Nelson  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Chief of Staff