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Investigations Division

Sergeant First Class Michael J. Forbes
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Dear Sergeant First Class Forbes:

The United States Army Inspector General Agency conducted a review of the complaint of reprisal you made against Brigadier General (BG) Derek N. Lipson, Deputy Commanding General, 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne), Fort Liberty, NC. After careful evaluation, we determined there was no misconduct by BG Lipson and administratively closed the case under DIG 24-20023.

We recommended to the Department of Defense Inspector General (DODIG), who has oversight of reprisal investigations under 10 USC § 1034, that your case be closed. DODIG conducted a thorough review of all evidence, the analysis, and our findings. They agreed with our conclusion and approved our recommendation; accordingly, your case is closed, with no further consideration.

Although your claim of reprisal was administratively closed, this does not preclude you from applying to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) if you believe an error or injustice exists in your Army record. The ABCMR, under Title 10 U.S. Code, Section 1552, has the authority to correct errors or injustices in a Soldier's record. However, the ABCMR requires you exhaust all other available administrative remedies first, such as those provided in Army regulations. Should you wish to apply, please go to <http://arba.army.pentagon.mil>.

My office will take no further action pertaining to the complaint.

Sincerely,

John Peloquin
John R. Peloquin
Deputy Chief
Investigations Division