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FW: Request for ETP (exception to policy) from SFC Michael Forbes to HON Ronald Keohane

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RUDY E. RENFER, Assistant United States Attorney for the Defendant (5:24-cv-00176):

Sir:

The Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower & Reserve Affairs), SGM Steve Minyard, just communicated the below email, which infers that you may not have been aware of a response from Army G1 (I have the letter if you need it), to my Congressman, the Hon. Richard Hudson, that instructed them (and they forwarded this letter including the instructions to me) that an Exception to Policy (ETP) is the only way for an abeyance to be granted internally. My Military Assistance Counsel (MAC; Mr. Branum), at my direction, forwarded an ETP the appropriate authority and cc'd my Congressman (per the Congressman's request) and received no acknowledgment of receipt. Upon inquiring we got the below communique, which infers you may have been left out of your clients instructions to my Congressman.

Naturally, upon my realization of this today, I am connecting everyone including my MAC (Mr. Branum; for his records), who only handles the internal administrative Army actions and handled complying with their administrative instructions sent to my Congressman. I notify my MAC simply for his records (given the SGM's inference and instructions) even though he does not represent me in my pro se case against the Army and SOA Wormuth.

This SGM Minyard did not cc you so I am connecting everyone for transparency (and my MAC for his records only). I authorized my MAC to follow the instructions pursuant to your clients administrative guidance communicated through my Congressman and was unaware they may not have communicated with you prior to contacting my Congressman, whom evidently contacted them prior on my behalf. It would be inappropriate for my MAC to contact you for anything, which is why I am getting directly involved and communicating this to you now. Please inform SGM Minyard that my MAC should not to be forwarded instructions that could negatively affect my pro se case; my MAC does not represent me in this formal legal matter and NONE of his "communication concerning [this ETP will] be with the Department of Justice attorney representing the United States." I, and my MAC, simply needed to know if the ETP was received.

Now I know it was received and will not be considered. Evidently, this was a big waste of time and money on my behalf.

But at least now you are in the loop. Had I known you would have been notified earlier by me. My apologies.

SFC Forbes

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SFC Forbes/Mr. Branum,


Because this matter is in litigation, any communication concerning it should be with the Department of Justice attorney representing the United States.

V/R

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