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Whistleblower Reprisal Division

The Honorable Ted Budd  
United States Senator  
Attention: Eric Wilson  
201 N. Front Street, Suite 809  
Wilmington, NC 28401

Dear Senator Budd:

We received your November 14, 2024 correspondence requesting assistance for your constituent's, Sergeant First Class Michael Forbes, allegations of reprisal.

In response to your request for information, your constituent's whistleblower reprisal case **DIH 23-6161 is still under investigation. Despite our efforts to expeditiously complete this investigation, the complexities of this case have required additional evidence gathering and review. We will update you every 180 days until closure. The Office, Chief of Legislation Liaison assigned case number HQDA-241203-LKPZ** and we provided that office a copy of this correspondence. We will advise you of the results at the conclusion of the inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. S. Hales".

Leaf S. Hales  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Chief, Whistleblower Reprisal Division