Exhibit 3



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 86TH AIRLIFT WING (USAFE)

13 May 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR 435 ABW/JA

FROM: 37 AS/CC

SUBJECT: Homosexual Statement – SSgt Anthony J. Loverde (REDACTED 1618)

- 1. On 22 April, 2008, SSgt Anthony J. Loverde sent an e-mail to MSgt Jon Welch, 37AS/CCF, stating that he is a homosexual. On 25 April, 2008, I met with SSgt Loverde to confirm he was the originator of this e-mail. I find SSgt Loverde's claim of being a homosexual credible.
- 2. It is not my opinion that SSgt Loverde made this statement for the sole purpose of avoiding military service. He recently returned from a four month deployment, so the timing of this statement is not suspect. In addition, SSgt Loverde showed interest in finishing out his enlistment. SSgt Loverde's military record and performance has been nothing less than honorable.

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Commander