

Exhibit 6

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDANCE

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To All Reviewing Authorities

Re: Major Michael D. Almy

The purposes of this letter is to attest to the character of Major Mike Almy. I have known Major Almy personally and professionally for over six years.

I first met Major Almy while I was serving as a senior Inspectors General on the Army Staff. I was roundly impressed with his professional work ethic, his judgment and his values. I was particularly struck by the fact that he grew up in a USAF family and strove to emulate his father's career service to the USAF.

I observed Major Almy as he attended the USMC Captains Career Course at Quantico, USMCB. While there he excelled in an extended physically and mentally rigorous course, and brought great credit to the USAF. I kept in contact with Major Almy as he was transferred to Europe and subsequently rotated to Iraq. His correspondence reflected an absolute commitment to the USAF and it's mission. My view is that Major Almy has been, and will continue to be an excellent officer.

I was shocked to hear of the charges levied against Major Almy. I find them to be incredulous. As a former Commander and Inspectors General I am well aware of the specifics of the Homosexual Conduct Policy. To my knowledge, Major Almy is not in violation of any of the provisions of the policy. To the contrary, it appears that in prosecuting the case against Major Almy, the USAF may have violated the "Don't Ask Don't Tell Policy", the Electronic Privacy Act and Presidential directives regarding the suspension of security clearances.

The yearlong investigation and the investigative techniques applied against to this career officer are highly irregular. The specter of a US Government agency electronically searching a US Servicemember's private correspondence, in a combat zone, to root out suspected homosexuals is particularly disturbing.

It is indicative of Major Almy's lifelong commitment to the USAF that he has persevered during this protracted process. Given the above, I believe that it is the best interest of the USAF to retain Major Almy and return him to duty with out prejudice.

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