

Exhibit 7



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
52D FIGHTER WING (USAFE)

13 Feb 06

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

FROM: 52 CS/CC
Unit 3705
APO AE 09126

SUBJECT: Character Reference Letter – Major Michael D. Almy

1. I have served in our Air Force for 31 years with 18+ years commissioned service. I have been privileged to command two squadrons, the 92 CS Fairchild AFB and the 52 CS Spangdahlem AB GE under the superb leaderships of Brigadier General Lessel, Brigadier General Fullhart and Brigadier General (sel) David Goldfein. I am writing this letter to share my first-hand knowledge of and to affirm by belief in the character and integrity of Major Michael Almy currently serving in my squadron.
2. I first knew Major Almy from 1996 to 1999 through our shared local affiliation with the First Baptist Church of O'Fallon IL. Maj Almy was a lay leader within our Singles Ministry which was led by my wife and me. As such we had personal contact with him two to three times a week for bible study and social events. Maj Almy always presented himself in the best traditions of Christian fellowship. He encouraged his friends, shared his personal testimonies and served in many capacities throughout the congregation. Upon my encouragement he eventually led in our youth programs in which our children participated.
3. We have remained close personal friends over the years and I had the good fortune to again meet up with Maj Almy here at Spangdahlem AB where he served with the 606th ACS, 52d FW, as their Chief of Maintenance leading 180 personnel. In that capacity he served with distinction while deployed in support of OIF to Ballad Iraq and sustained repeated mortar and rocket attacks. When one of his troops was injured by rocket fire, he by all accounts rallied his troops, aided the wounded and restored damaged equipment to service displaying the highest personal virtues of character and competency without loss of mission. For these actions and others demonstrated in the course of his tenure with the 606th ACS he was nominated by the 52d FW to USAFE as the 2004 Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award recipient in the field grade officer category for electronic maintenance. He subsequently was named the USAFE nominee to USAF for this award.
4. In Feb 05 Maj Almy was removed from his position at the 606th ACS by his commander. I was called the same day by the 52d FW/CV, was asked and performed a health and wellness visit to Maj Almy's residence. Subsequently Maj Almy's duty location was moved to the 52 OSS. After several weeks of performing Action officer level work, the 52 OSS CC called me and asked if I could provide more viable employment for this capable officer. I gladly accepted his offer and Maj Almy moved seamlessly into my organization taking lead on several major wing projects to include the \$850K command post renovation, the creation of a fly-away wing battle staff initial communications kit, and the preliminary design for the command's premier range

control facility. His leadership on these and other projects directly contributed to our winning the 2005 Lt Gen Harold W. Grant Award for "best small communications squadron" in USAFB. I have entrusted Maj Almy with squadron funding, manpower and reputation and he has performed exemplarily.

5. In Mar 06, Maj Almy was asked by the 52d FW/CV to assume authority of the wing operations center and command post. Unfortunately, his security clearance had been suspended pending his investigation and he was unable to fulfill this leadership position with our wing.

6. I am aware of the allegations but have not seen specific evidence against Maj Almy, I know he is remorseful of the events which brought his character and career into question. I am convinced the Air Force, its personnel, mission and tradition, remains unchanged and unharmed despite his alleged offenses. As such, I continue to hold Maj Almy in a position of trust and would confidently work with him in the future. He should be retained in the Air Force without prejudice.

7. I am at your service for any further questions either in person, DSN 480-6010, commercial cell REDACTED , or e-mail, REDACTED

Very Respectfully,



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Commander, 52 CS