

EXHIBIT 6

Excerpts from Declaration of
James Schaffer
(full copy available at Docket # 12)

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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT TACOMA

10 MAJOR MARGARET WITT,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
14 THE AIR FORCE; COLONEL MARY L.
15 WALKER, Commander, 446th
16 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron,
17 McChord Air Force Base; and JAMES G.
18 ROCHE, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT
19 OF THE AIR FORCE;

20 Defendants.

NO. 006-5195 RBL

DECLARATION OF JAMES
SCHAFFER

19 I, JAMES SCHAFFER, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of
20 the United States of America, that the following facts are true and correct:

21 1. I am over the age of 18 years, have personal knowledge of the facts
contained in this Affidavit and am competent to testify to them.

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES SCHAFFER - 1

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1 11. I have always found Major Witt to be strong, professional and disciplined
2 military officer. I felt fortunate to serve with her in the Southwest Asia Theater of
3 operations and would welcome the opportunity to serve with her again, anywhere in the
4 world, in any conditions.

5 12. During the summer of 2004, Major Witt told me that she was advised she
6 was under investigation for commission of homosexual acts. Later, in November of 2004,
7 when she failed to show up for our regular monthly UTA flight from Fairchild to
8 McChord, I gave her a call and asked her what was going on. She told me she was not
9 coming to McChord for the monthly UTA. She told me that Colonel Moore-Harbert and
10 Major Verna Madison had informed her that Colonel Walker had initiated separation
11 proceedings against her. I later spoke to Colonel Moore-Harbert about this, and she told
12 me that informing Major Witt of Colonel Walker's separation action was the hardest thing
13 she ever had to do in the Air Force. Colonel Moore-Harbert told me that she cried when
14 she told Major Witt of Colonel Walker's action.

15 13. I also have talked to Major Verna Madison about this matter. Major
16 Madison told me that she was so upset about Colonel Walker's decision that she felt like
17 taking off her uniform.

18 14. Many other people in the 446th AES have approached me asking about the
19 decision to initiate separation proceedings against Major Witt, and they are all upset and
20 angry. In my opinion, if command were to announce to the entire squadron that Major
21 Witt was a lesbian, and that nevertheless the decision had been made to retain her in the