DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ECHO TROOP, 3RD SQUADRON, 61ST CAVALRY REGIMENT (RSTA)
4TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
FORT CARSON, CO 80913

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

AFZC-CAV-ETP 27 October 2009

MEMORANDUM THRU Rear Detachment Commander, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division

MEMORANDUM FOR (b)(3), (b)(6) AR 15-6 Investigating Officer

MEMORANDUM FOR Major General Guy C. Swan III, Investigating Officer

SUBJECT: AR 15-6 Investigation Questionnaire for October 3rd, 2009

1. Questions and answers are based on guidance questions from MG Swan dated 21 October 2009, received on 26 October 2009 and presented to Mrs. (b)(6) telephonically on 27 October 2009.

2. I called Mrs. (b)(6) at 1628 hours MST on 27 October 2009. The questions asked and answers given are attached and labeled Enclosure 1.

4. Point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at (b)(2)High (Gov't Office), (b)(2)High (Gov't Cell), or email at (b)(3), (b)(6) @us.army.mil.

(b)(3), (b)(6)

SFC, USA
Rear Detachment First Sergeant

1 Enclosure

Enclosure 1

Soldier: SGT Joshua M. Hardt Family Member: (b)(6)
Relationship: Wife

Q: SFC (b)(3), (b)(6)
A: (b)(6)

Q1. During your husband's deployment, did he express any particular concerns, fears, etc relating to his combat outpost or the enemy where he was located?
A1. "Josh said when he first got to COP Keating is was quite a shock. He said it was like something out of Vietnam. He complained a lot about them hardly having drinking water and that they would have to put bleach or something in it to purify it so they could drink it. They barely ever had food. He said he would be lucky to get one hot meal every other day. He would constantly tell me he couldn't bare it and couldn't wait to come home."

Q2. Other than focusing on defending against the enemy, did he mention any specific concerns with you?
A2. "He would tell me that he had to go out and fight with no food and on an empty stomach while his higher ups were kicking back and milking it."

Q3. Did he tell you who specifically he was referring as his higher ups kicking back and milking it?
A3. "No, he wouldn't mention names. Just said his higher ups."

Q4. Did he tell you whether he reported his concern-either to the base or anyone in his chain of command? If he did, what, if anything did he say the chain of command did in response?
A4. "No. he felt that would have been out of line and disloyal."

Q5. Do you have any information from your husband that might help the investigation to determine just what happened?
A5. "No."

Q6. Do you have any records, such as letters, e-mails, journals, etc from your husband that we can copy to use in the investigation?
A6. "I have a letter. I can scan it and email it to you."

Q7. Is there any particular concern you have that might be addressed in the investigation?
A7. "No. not that I can think of right now."