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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Interview with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Approximately 10:30 a.m. on January 17, 2008, I spoke with [REDACTED] regarding allegations involving Vice Admiral (VADM) John Stufflebeem, U.S. Navy, Director, Navy Staff.

[REDACTED] was initially reluctant to speak with me, would not consent to a sworn taped interview, but briefly discussed the matter. He stressed a number of times during our conversation that he did not want to have his name associated with any investigation involving VADM Stufflebeem.

[REDACTED], who is a [REDACTED] confirmed that in [REDACTED] he worked as a [REDACTED] in the Office of the Military Assistant to the President, Lieutenant General Richard Trefry, U.S. Army, as the [REDACTED] for the White House Military Office.

According to [REDACTED] he received a telephone call from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asking whether Commander Stufflebeem was widowed. [REDACTED] said that he told [REDACTED] that Commander Stufflebeem was not, as [REDACTED] had recently seen Commander Stufflebeem with his wife when she had come by the office for lunch.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] told him that Commander Stufflebeem was involved in a relationship with a young lady from [REDACTED]. In our conversation, [REDACTED] said that he would not characterize the relationship as an "affair" because he said the young lady was under the false impression from Commander Stufflebeem that he was a widower raising his children by himself.

[REDACTED] had no information on the details of the relationship between Commander Stufflebeem and the woman, but believed the information that they were engaged in an affair had to be well founded for Commander Stufflebeem to have been moved out of his duties as quickly as he was. [REDACTED] opined that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, [REDACTED] White House Military Office, was behind the effort to protect then-Commander Stufflebeem, because both were naval officers and Naval Academy graduates.

He recalled that after Commander Stufflebeem was reassigned from the White House, Lieutenant General Trefry assembled his front office staff, to include [REDACTED] the secretary, and [REDACTED] enlisted personnel. At the meeting Lieutenant General Trefry told them that Commander Stufflebeem had been reassigned for personal reasons and if anything other than that was repeated by a staff member he would be fired. [REDACTED] said that he was disappointed that LTG Trefry threatened the front office staff. Military aides to the President were not present at the meeting.

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[REDACTED] also offered, "[REDACTED]" was that VADM Stufflebeem was placed in positions of trust throughout his career, essentially being rewarded after engaging in behavior that was unacceptable for an officer in any grade. He said that he "feared" that given VADM Stufflebeem's current position, he was being groomed for four star rank and possibly the position of Chief of Naval Operations; remarking that the Navy did not need "[REDACTED]" after Tailhook and former CNO Boorda committing suicide. He said that the Navy had better officers to select from than VADM Stufflebeem, and stated that he wants the Navy to stop rewarding VADM Stufflebeem after he had engaged in such inappropriate behavior.

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