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**Lieutenant Colonel Karin Watson
Commander
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Re: JRCF Inmate # 96245, Michael J. Guinn - MCC SOP 310 – Prohibition on Sex Offender Inmate Correspondence and Communication with Minor Children. Violation of the United Nations, General Assembly, Human Rights Commission Resolution 1386, “Declaration on the Rights of the Child,” 20 November 1959, and a Violation of the United Nations “Convention of the Rights of the Child,” in Accordance with Article 49, 2 September 1990.

Dear Commander Watson,

Save Our Heroes’ Project (herein after referred to as ‘SOH’) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in the State of Texas, advocating for U.S. service members who have faced wrongful military justice prosecutions, or who have been wrongfully convicted or incarcerated. SOH Officers, Board Members, and Advisors are men and women, retired and former service members, business and government professionals and include several who are survivors of sexual assault. You can learn more about our activities and objectives by visiting our website at www.saveourheroesproject.com.

A major area of concern are politically motivated investigations, prosecutions, and convictions stemming from false allegations of sexual misconduct. Our data reveals that false allegations of sexual misconduct and domestic violence violations have reached pandemic levels. Sadly, due to a political and manufactured false narrative about a sexual assault epidemic in the United States Military, virtually any and all allegations of this type result in referrals to a General Court Martial.

Still yet, changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and the Rules for Court Martial (RCM) make it nearly impossible for an accused service member to provide an adequate legal defense. In just the past few months, news reports on several military post-conviction judicial proceedings have determined Unlawful Command Influence at the highest levels of the Judge Advocate General Corps, and elaborate conspiracies involving high ranking military prosecutors to force the removal of a competent, fair and unbiased military judge from a sexual assault case; conduct that should, and will most likely result in disbarment and perhaps a criminal indictment.

Service members who have been accused of sexual misconduct offenses have routinely experienced due process and constitutional rights violations, in order for the Department of Defense to appear to be coming down hard on sexual misconduct, and in order to appease certain members of the legislature and extremist special interest groups. As such, this has created a 'de-facto' form of 'mob justice,' in which prosecutorial and command improprieties, misconduct, and potential criminal acts are considered justifiable.

SOH is aware of a letter sent to you dated 13 February 2018 concerning JRCF Inmate # 96245, Michael J. Guinn, from the American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas (ACLU-KS). The letter from the ACLU-KS concerns JRCF's refusal to allow Mr. Guinn access, correspondence, or communication with his minor children, even though his minor children were not the alleged victims in his case.

Furthermore, JRCF's policy is to deny access to minor children if the incarcerated service member fails to admit to such offenses as part of any treatment program, essentially forcing a service member to admit guilt prior to entering any such treatment program.

As the letter from the ACLU-KS so eloquently states, such a false admission or confession is a clear and distinct violation of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, as Mr. Guinn is still in the appeals process. It is also a form of extortion, forcing an individual who believes he is innocent and who is still in the appellate process, to 'confess' in order to be granted certain liberties or privileges.

In addition to a violation of Mr. Guinn's Fifth Amendment right, JRCF is also in violation of numerous provisions of the United Nations Human Rights Commission Resolution 1386, and the Convention of the Rights of the Child, in Accordance with Article 49.

For example, Article 9 – 1 states in part;

“Parties shall ensure that a child shall not be separated from his or her parents against their will, except when competent authorities subject to judicial review determine, in accordance with applicable law and procedures, that such separation is necessary for the best interests of the child.”

Article 9 - 3. States;

“Parties shall respect the right of the child who is separated from one or both parents to maintain personal relations and direct contact with both parents on a regular basis, except if it is contrary to the child's best interests.”

These are merely two examples from the entire list of the 54 Articles contained in the 1990 Human Rights Commission, Convention of the Rights of the Child.

In Mr. Guinn's case, his minor children were not the subjects, or victims of his alleged crime. In addition, both the mother of his minor children and their grandparents, want them to have contact with Mr. Guinn. Therefore, the best interests of the children are served by JRCF allowing such contact.

It is the hope of SOH that you will see to it to allow for Mr. Guinn to have contact with his minor children. This will avoid further written communication, or formal complaints to various U.S. governmental entities or oversight bodies.

SOH respectfully thanks you for your time and consideration in this matter. As a normal business practice, SOH respectfully requests written correspondence to confirm Lieutenant Colonel Karin Watson, Commander, JRCF Leavenworth has received this correspondence. This should include what action will be taken to correct this unbridled and unconscionable abuse of human rights and common decency.

Respectfully,



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enclosures: 13 February 2018 Letter from the ACLU of Kansas