United States Senate

January 24, 2018

The Honorable Dr. Heather Wilson Secretary of the Air Force 1670 Air Force Pentagon Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Madam Secretary,

I write regarding the matter of USAF Major Clarence Anderson who was convicted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice on 22 April 2015 and is now incarcerated at Naval Consolidated Brig Miramar.

My constituent, Major Anderson, strongly maintains his innocence and has appealed to my office for assistance regarding his conviction and subsequent incarceration. My constituent raised several concerns regarding his situation.

On behalf of Major Anderson, I am inquiring when the record of trial in Major Anderson's court martial from April 2015 was authenticated. My constituent tells me that the Air Force informed him that post-trial, a military judge would evaluate any evidence of witness tampering in Major Anderson's original trial. According to my constituent, the post-trial military judge told Major Anderson that he did not have the appropriate authority to evaluate the evidence – if this is the case, my constituent would like to know why he was not correctly informed.

As my constituent understands, R.C.M. 1102(e) permits a military judge to take any appropriate action in a post-trial hearing. Major Anderson is concerned that the military judge in his hearing may have ignored this rule.

Lastly, my constituent informs me that a petition concerning the aforementioned information is pending consideration with the Judge Advocate General. What is the status of this petition?

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Stephen Groves, my Defense Policy Advisor, at 202-228-3723 or stephen groves@jones.senate.gov.

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