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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
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Mr. Zauzmer  
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Eric Fanning  
Secretary of the Army  
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Washington, D.C. 20310

Re: Request for Presidential Action – Disapprove Convictions

Dear Mr. President, Mr. Zauzmer, and Secretary Fanning:

On behalf of First Lieutenant Clint A. Lorange, U.S. Army and his family and friends, we write to respectfully request that you release Clint from confinement at the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) and update his records to remove his convictions for murder and attempted murder; actions which occurred during a combat patrol in a combat zone.

Off all the requests before you, this case stands out because the evidence shows that Clint is not guilty – he is innocent. We now know this by use of unclassified biometric evidence showing that the males of apparent Afghan descent were not “innocent civilians” as the prosecution claimed, rather, each was biometrically enrolled and linked to improvised explosive device events which killed American paratroopers.

Clint never fired his weapon. Clint did not see the three military-aged-males riding back-to-back on a single red motorcycle speeding toward the platoon’s exposed route of march on a combat patrol. Clint relied on his intelligence soldier who saw the threat, testified that he was authorized to fire his weapon under the rules of engagement, and did so, but missed. Clint, standing below a 6-8 foot grape berm, gave the order to fire seconds later, which resulted in the death of two riders and a third escaped.

The prosecution neither searched for nor disclosed the terror identities and affiliations of the “purported victims.” Nor did the prosecution produce records of the terror affiliations upon a written defense request. Had the information been properly disclosed or produced, the outcome of this trial may have been altogether different, indeed, there may have been no court-martial at all: ROE compliance resulting in the death of the enemy cannot be murder or attempted murder.

Clint’s case is docketed before the US Army Court of Criminal Appeals on Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Clint has filed his overall Article 66, UCMJ appeal and a separate Petition for a New Trial pursuant to Article 73, UCMJ. These filings are pending.

We understand that executive branch authorities are often understandably hesitant to take action on criminal cases when appeals are pending. However, each day that goes by with this young man behind bars is a day our country cannot give back to him. Because biometric evidence is as reliable as DNA evidence, and because this young man loses days of his life while the appeals make their way through the process, executive action to free Clint and unyoke him from the title of murder is altogether fitting, timely, and proper as an informed exercise of executive authority to correct a manifest injustice.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl(s)

1. Petition for Disapproval of Convictions
2. Personal Letter from Clint Lorance
3. Revised Reply Brief

