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S: 9 April 2015

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12 March 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Appointment of Investigating Officer for Collateral Investigation

1. You are hereby appointed as an investigating officer pursuant to Army Regulation (AR) 385-40, paragraph 2-1(f), AR 27-20 and AR 15-6 to conduct an informal investigation involving the accidental crash of a Louisiana Army National Guard (LAARNG) UH-60 in Florida on 10 March 2015 which resulted in the death of four LAARNG Soldiers and seven U.S. Marines.
2. This investigation is your primary duty and shall take precedence over all other assigned duties during the suspense period.
3. You should rely on your military knowledge and experience when ascertaining the facts relative to the investigation and in framing your recommendations. In your investigation, use informal procedures under AR 27-20 and AR 15-6. All witnesses will be sworn and statements collected on DA Form 2823, Sworn Statement. In the course of your investigation if you come to suspect certain people may have violated Louisiana Code of Military Justice you must execute DA Form 3881, Rights Warning Procedure/Waiver Certificate.
4. You will review and consider the following sources prior to conducting your investigation and/or drafting your findings and recommendations: DoDI 6055.7, AR 385-40, AR 27-20 and AR 15-615-6; the Joint Federal Ethics Regulation; the Louisiana Code of Military Justice (LCMJ); and all other pertinent regulations, directives, policy memoranda, etc., published by the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, The National Guard Bureau, the Louisiana National Guard, and the 1-244th AVN BN.
5. Submit your findings and recommendations in a Report of Investigation (ROI) memorandum, as well as on DA Form 1574 to this headquarters no later than 9 April 2015 in accordance with the time limits provided by AR 600-34, paragraph 3-5. Any extensions of time must be approved by me. Your findings should include a comprehensive and chronological description of events as well as your understanding of why the accident occurred. Recommendations should include but not be limited to corrective actions designed to prevent future occurrences of the same or similar accident. In the event your recommendations include disciplinary action, do not recommend specific levels of disposition or punishment.
6. **Scope of investigation.** I am authorizing you, through this investigation, to obtain pertinent investigative information from the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, newspapers, and other media outlets as well as statements from any and all witnesses and from the members of 1-244 AVN BN where applicable. The scope of your investigation is to determine as follows:



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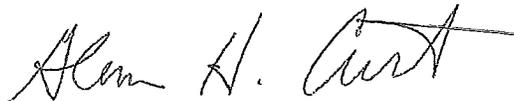
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a. Identify key factors (human, materiel, environmental) that caused or contributed to the accident. Explain the cause of the deaths.

b. Identify the system inadequacy(ies) that permitted the accident to occur, the aircraft systems to fail, or the environment to be a factor in the accident. After determining the root causes or system inadequacies, you should examine each cause or inadequacy and determine if the source was in the Doctrine, Organization, Training, Material, Leadership, Personnel, or Facilities (DOTMLPF) capabilities or processes.

c. Identify the recommended actions and the proponent activity or lowest level of command most responsible for taking action to correct the root causes or system inadequacies (both at the unit and, if applicable, Army levels).

7. You may obtain assistance with these matters from your legal advisor [REDACTED].



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