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From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development

Command, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia

To: Lieutenant Colonel Robert G. Bracknell XXX XX 7479/4402

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Subj: ARTICLE 32 PRETRIAL INVESTIGATION IN THE CASE OF CAPTAIN

JAMES M. ROWE XXX XX 0267/0802 USMC

Ref: (a) UCMJ, Article 32

(b) R.C.M. 405, M.C.M. (2008 Edition)

(c) R.C.M. 707, M.C.M. (2008 Edition)

Encl: (1) Charge Sheet preferred 27 April 2011

1. Pursuant to references (a) and (b), you are hereby appointed as investigating officer for the subject case. You will conduct a formal pretrial investigation into the truth and form of the charges contained in the enclosure and any additional charges preferred prior to completion of your investigation. You are authorized to investigate any uncharged offense, when, during the course of an Article 32 hearing, the evidence indicates that the accused may have committed such an offense.

2. You are directed to complete the Article 32 hearing within 14 days of being appointed as the Investigative Officer. You will apprise both counsels for the government and for the defense of the date of the hearing. If facts and circumstances exist that prevent the completion of the hearing within the 14 day time period, I authorize you to approve requests for delay made by either party, upon showing good cause, for up to an additional 30 days. If you approve any request for delay, that period of delay shall be excludable under reference (c). Prior to granting a request for delay, that request must be presented in writing. Electronic mail messages do not constitute writing for this purpose. Any request for delay beyond the 30 day period that I have authorized you to approve above shall be forwarded to me for approval. Except under extraordinary circumstances, delay will not be approved retroactively.

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3. Upon completion of this investigation, you will make a formal report, including therein your recommendations for the disposition of the charges, and summaries of witness testimonies. No verbatim transcript is required. Your report of investigation should be submitted with all deliberate dispatch, but not later than seven days from the date of the hearing. Should you need additional time to complete your investigation, you must request an extension in writing. Such request will be incorporated as an enclosure to your report.

GEORGE J. FLYNN Lieutenant General U.S. Marine Corps Commanding General

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