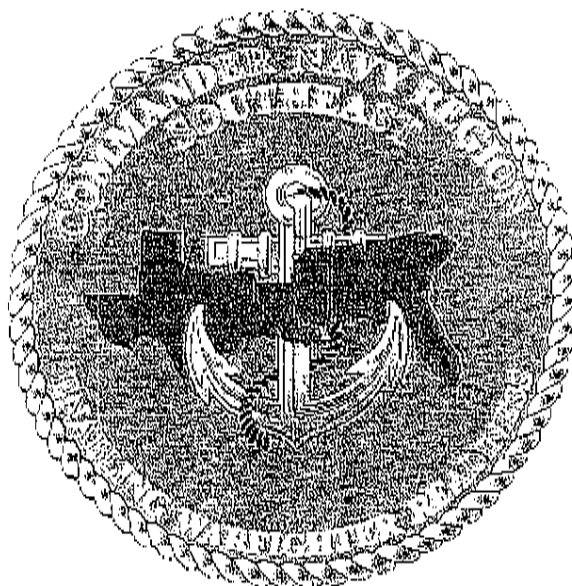


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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL EXPERT CONSULTANT IN THE CASE  
OF U.S. V. AM3 DONALD L. HICKMAN, USN

This letter is in response to your request of September 1, 2010 for employment of Dr. Joseph Naylor Kenan, M.D. as a confidential defense expert consultant in the case of U.S. v. AM3 Donald L. Hickman, USN.

Dr. Phillip W. Esplin, Ed.D. was previously approved as a defense expert consultant in the subject case, and has completed five hours of review of case records and taped interviews and over three hours of consultation. Dr. Esplin has also provided telephonic testimony at a motions hearing involving this case.

A review of Dr. Kenan's qualifications and Dr. Esplin's qualifications appear to be similar, and your request fails to establish necessity for replacing Dr. Esplin as a defense expert consultant. Therefore, your request for employment of Dr. Kenan as a confidential defense expert consultant in the case of U.S. v. AM3 Donald L. Hickman, USN is denied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. G. Alexander".

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