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From: Lieutenant Colonel Keith F. Moore, XXX XX 0180/USMC
To: Military Judge

Subj: **CHARACTER STATEMENT FOR CARLOS ROWE, MAJOR, U.S. MARINE CORPS**

1. I am currently assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, 2d Marine Division (Forward), Camp Lejeune NC. I have been in the Marine Corps for 17 1/2 years and in the military for almost 24 years. My personal awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

2. I have known Carlos Rowe since 1987 when we were shipmates in the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program. At BOOST, we were both assigned to Charlie Company, lived in the same barracks, and subsequently matriculated through Morehouse College together. At Morehouse College, we were roommates for the two years, decided to become Marines together (actually I followed his lead), prepared for OCS together, later commissioned together and were in the same TBS class. After TBS, we were both assigned to 2d Marine Division. I went to 3/10 and he went to 3/8. From 1987 to 1993, we worked, studied, socialized together on a daily basis. As Lieutenants together in the FMF from 1993 to 1996 we interacted at least several times per week.

A. Summary of my service and daily interaction with Maj Rowe:


1. Classmates during BOOST, San Diego CA (1987-1988)
2. Roommates/Classmates "Morehouse College", Atlanta GA (1988-1990)
3. NROTC Morehouse College (1988-1992)
4. Officer Candidate School, Quantico VA (1991)
5. TBS, B-93, Quantico VA (1993)
6. 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune NC (1993-1996)

3. During the nine years that I both served with and socialized with Major Rowe on an almost daily basis, professionally and personally there are none that I hold in higher regard than he. Loyalty, military appearance & bearing, mental & physical toughness, aggressiveness, and pursuit of excellence were his strong suits then from a peer standpoint. Having grown up in the military together, we have shared both good and bad times, and I would gladly serve with him in combat and/or in garrison. And although our paths have only crossed intermittently over the past 14 years due to different military posts and assignments, my opinions of him remain unchanged. Even today, based on our previous relationship and my knowledge of who he is, I would be unhesitant to choose him as a partner, regardless of the fight or challenge I had before me. The Carlos Rowe that I know has always been a stand-up, lead from the front type of guy. Having followed his career from afar since 1996, I have always heard positive/complimentary

things from our mutual acquaintances over the years about his performance, accolades, and accomplishments. We have both had setbacks and/or struggles on this long journey, as most of us do. He normally contacts me during those times of trial and tribulation, whether professional or personal, and regardless of circumstances, he always perseveres with his head up.

4. I have never had a reason to doubt his loyalty, trustworthiness, and commitment over the past 23 years. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (910)451-9971(w) or 910-640-7195(c).

Respectfully Submitted,



Keith F. Moore