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Testimony of (b)(7)(C) B Company, 51st
Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC 28310, taken at Fort Bragg, NC on 2 December
2004, from 1002-1029 hours, by (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C)
(b)(7)(C) IGs.

(b)(7)(C) The time is 1002. This tape-recorded interview is being
conducted on the 2nd of December 2004 at the Corps Inspector General's Office. Persons
present are the witness, (b)(7)(C) and the investigating officers, (b)(7)(C)
(b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C)

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the person testifying, I have provided you with a Privacy Statement. Do you understand
it?

(b)(7)(C) Yes I do.

(b)(7)(C) You are not suspected of any criminal offense and you are not the
subject of any unfavorable information. Before we continue, I want to remind you of the
importance of presenting truthful testimony. It is a violation of federal law to knowingly
make a false statement under oath. Do you have any questions before we begin?

(b)(7)(C) No I do not.

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EXHIBIT B-14

(b)(7)(C) Please raise your right hand so I may administer the oath. Do you swear that the testimony that you are about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

(b)(7)(C) I do.

(b)(7)(C) Please state your full name.

(b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) Your rank?

(b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) Your position?

(b)(7)(C) Team chief.

(b)(7)(C) Your organization?

(b)(7)(C) Bravo Company, 51st Signal Battalion.

(b)(7)(C) Your social security number?

(b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) Your address, home or office?

(b)(7)(C) Home address is (b)(7)(C)
(b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) And a phone number?

(b)(7)(C) Home phone (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) Were you the staff duty officer at 51st Signal Battalion on or about 10/11 May 2004?

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(b)(7)(C) I believe I was, yes.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. Did anything unusual or irregular happen during the time that you were on staff duty that day?

(b)(7)(C) Yes it did.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. Could you please explain to us in your own words what happened?

(b)(7)(C) On or about that day, I don't recall an exact time, roughly between the hours of 2300 and 01, this gentleman come into the battalion with his wife, (b)(7)(C) So (b)(7)(C) came into the office, came up to the staff duty desk ranting and raving wanting me to call the MPs. He had allegations that (b)(7)(C) was sleeping with his wife. He was extremely combative. I didn't call the MPs. I was trying to get him calmed down. The reason I didn't call the MPs is because I needed to get all the facts, make sure that he wasn't drinking that night, you know, doing anything like drugs or anything like that. So I got him calmed down, I called the (b)(7)(C) and I--take that back, first I called (b)(7)(C) and asked (b)(7)(C) to come in so we can get--

(b)(7)(C) Did you call him at home?

(b)(7)(C) On his cell phone, ma'am.

(b)(7)(C) Oh okay.

(b)(7)(C) He had just left I would say no more than 20 minutes prior to that, he had left the office. When I got a hold of (b)(7)(C) he had no problems coming in, I told him the brief summary of what was going on. We had a gentleman that had allegations against him with his wife. He came in, I'd separated the two, I gave the gentleman, (b)(7)(C) I gave him a direct order, he is military, I gave him a direct order not to approach the colonel, not to saying nothing to the colonel, just leave the colonel alone. When the colonel got there (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) went into the conference room, the colonel sat out by the staff duty desk. I briefly talked to the colonel, told him what was going on, and he seemed kind of shocked that that allegation

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was there. I talked to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that absolutely nothing was going on, absolutely nothing. About, again I'm not exactly sure on the times, but roughly 30 minutes, [REDACTED] showed up. [REDACTED] talked to the colonel and then talked to [REDACTED] at different times. After the [REDACTED] had conducted his interviews with the three personnel, I had asked him how he wanted me to log this in the log and he said, "Don't put it in the log." And that's basically where I end my role with that situation.

[REDACTED] You said that [REDACTED] came in with her husband? They both came in together?

[REDACTED] [REDACTED], yes, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She's an [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Roger, at least she was at the time of the incident.

[REDACTED] All right. She's a [REDACTED] now?

[REDACTED] I believe so.

[REDACTED] Okay.

[REDACTED] She got transferred out of the unit to one of the other battalions in the brigade.

[REDACTED] All right. But she and her husband walked in together at the same time?

[REDACTED] Yes.

[REDACTED] Okay.

[REDACTED] Well within seconds. He came in, then she came in. I don't recall exactly, but I know it was within a two minute timeframe.

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(b)(7)(C) Same platoon?

(b)(7)(C) Yes.

(b)(7)(C) Here's what I'd like you to consider if you would as you're thinking back. Did (b)(7)(C) or (b)(7)(C) come in earlier while you were on staff duty and go into the battalion commander's office before he left?

(b)(7)(C) Like I said sir, I did not see her enter the colonel's office.

(b)(7)(C) Did you see her leave the colonel's office?

(b)(7)(C) Actually yes ma'am I did.

(b)(7)(C) When was that?

(b)(7)(C) I did see her walk out when the colonel left for the day. When the colonel left for the day I seen her walk out.

(b)(7)(C) So she and he were in his office?

(b)(7)(C) Yes.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. And this was before the two of them; the two (b)(7)(C) came in all upset and cvcrthing?

(b)(7)(C) Right. And going back and thinking that he did come in very, very brie-fly and asked if I'd seen his wife and I was like, "Well who are you?" And he goes, "I'm (b)(7)(C)" and I'm like, "No I have not seen (b)(7)(C)".

(b)(7)(C) And at that time you had not seen her?

(b)(7)(C) Right.

(b)(7)(C) But later you did see her--

(b)(7)(C) I seen her come out of the colonel's office.

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(b)(7)(C) Okay and then the colonel left?

(b)(7)(C) The colonel left for the day.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. At any time did you and the colonel walk together outside the building and check the outside of his office?

(b)(7)(C) No sir.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. Did you have any other--did the colonel say anything to you as he left or did you say anything to the colonel about (b)(7)(C) being there asking you about his wife?

(b)(7)(C) I don't understand. Are you talking about when I called the colonel back in?

(b)(7)(C) No when the colonel left and (b)(7)(C) was in his office and left with him when he left for the day. Did you tell either one of them that her husband had been there looking for her?

(b)(7)(C) No sir.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. Why not?

(b)(7)(C) : It never crossed my mind. I mean I'd seen them briefly. They went straight from the office outside. I mean it never even crossed my mind that he had stopped in.

(b)(7)(C) How long after they went outside then did they come back in, in an agitated state?

(b)(7)(C) I don't know sir. If I had to guess I'd say maybe 30-45 minutes.

(b)(7)(C) Okay and you were there that entire time?

(b)(7)(C) Yes.

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(b)(7)(C) Okay. And then when they came back in is when you called the
(b)(7)(C) and told him what was going on and he came back in?

(b)(7)(C) Right.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. Did you also call the (b)(7)(C) in?

(b)(7)(C) Yes I did.

(b)(7)(C) Okay, so that's how he knew and he came in.

(b)(7)(C) Yes.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. So (b)(7)(C) the husband, came in with
his wife, (b)(7)(C) and he was upset and making accusations against the--

(b)(7)(C) The colonel.

(b)(7)(C) The colonel saying?

(b)(7)(C) Saying that he was sleeping with his wife. Saying that the colonel
was sleeping with (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) Okay. And who was the driver?

(b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) What was the first name? Do you know?

(b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) And is he still here?

(b)(7)(C) Yes.

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(b)(7)(C) What did the battalion commander say to you when he came in and you informed him that (b)(7)(C) had accused him of having an affair with his wife?

(b)(7)(C) I asked him man-to-man, I said, "Sir are you doing this?" He goes, "No I am not." No hesitation, no stuttering of the words, nothing, he said, "I am not sleeping with his wife."

(b)(7)(C) Did you wonder why earlier that he and she came out of his office together?

(b)(7)(C) He's got an open-door policy just like any battalion commander does--

(b)(7)(C) At 11 o'clock at night?

(b)(7)(C) I mean I didn't think anything of it at the time.

(b)(7)(C) But after--

(b)(7)(C) After her husband came in, (b)(7)(C) came in, I got to thinking about it, but I'm not in a position nor--I'm not in a position to make that determination for myself.

(b)(7)(C) What did the (b)(7)(C) say to you?

(b)(7)(C) Other than not logging it into the log, nothing.

(b)(7)(C) Did you challenge his telling you not to log it into the log?

(b)(7)(C) I told him that, I said, "Something needs to be logged in," and he said, "Okay, just put," let's see, how did he word it? I had made some sort of entry into the log. I don't recall at this time what that entry was, but there was an entry of the incident, but it was made to sound on a lower, less offensive, I guess would be the proper words, situation.

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(b)(7)(C) Okay. Other than reporting to the battalion commander and the
(b)(7)(C) did you bring this incident to anybody else's attention?

(b)(7)(C) No.

(b)(7)(C) What have you heard or discussed through the battalion rumor
mill since then about this incident?

(b)(7)(C) I've heard anything from she was having problems with her
husband and she went to him for help all the way to that they were having an affair and
everything in between.

(b)(7)(C) Was there anyone else that saw or heard the incident besides
(b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) Okay. We have some other testimony that indicates there was a
Soldier signing out with her mother at the time who witnessed.

(b)(7)(C) I don't recall.

(b)(7)(C) Okay.

(b)(7)(C) I mean when you've got staff duty you've got people coming in at
all times to sign in and out.

(b)(7)(C) But you don't--

(b)(7)(C) I don't recall having a Soldier there, no.

(b)(7)(C) Okay.

(b)(7)(C) I was busy handling trying to keep (b)(7)(C) calm and out of
trouble by approaching the colonel or sergeant major and I was in there trying to get facts
and neither--I mean same thing from (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) gave me the
same thing no matter which way I worded it. They both stuck to their stories.

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(b)(7)(C) Okay. So just to sort of follow up and make sure I have the chronology correct. You were on staff duty as the staff duty NCO and sometimes during the time you were on staff duty (b)(7)(C) came in and went into the battalion commander's office, but you did not see her go in?

(b)(7)(C) Right.

(b)(7)(C) And sometimes after that her husband, (b)(7)(C) came in and asked you if you'd seen his wife and you indicated to him that you had not seen her?

(b)(7)(C) Right.

(b)(7)(C) At that point in time did (b)(7)(C) interact, interject anything or tell you he had seen her or--

(b)(7)(C) Who's (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) I'm sorry, (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) No he said he hadn't seen her either.

(b)(7)(C) Okay, so neither you nor (b)(7)(C) Would there be a way that (b)(7)(C) could have gotten into the battalion commander's office without going by the staff duty desk?

(b)(7)(C) If when I was out on my rounds if (b)(7)(C) went out the front door she could have came in the command entrance door and he would not have seen her.

(b)(7)(C) Okay.

(b)(7)(C) : Is that door not visible to the staff duty desk?

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(b)(7)(C) No, both doors are visible to the staff duty desk, well the command entrance door is partially visible but it's got a mirror that reflects it so it makes it visible so that's the only way that she could have got in without (b)(7)(C) seeing her.

(b)(7)(C) Did you speak to (b)(7)(C) to ask him if he had seen her go in?

(b)(7)(C) No.

(b)(7)(C) You never brought that up with him?

(b)(7)(C) No.

(b)(7)(C) Okay so--

(b)(7)(C) Not that I recall.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. Then after (b)(7)(C) came in and asked if you had seen his wife and you told him you had not seen her he left?

(b)(7)(C) Uh-huh.

(b)(7)(C) And then after that (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) came out of--

(b)(7)(C) His office.

(b)(7)(C) His office and walked past you out of the headquarters building?

(b)(7)(C) Right, well it wasn't past me. They came out of the command group area and went out the command entrance. The staff duty desk was over here down the hall a little ways.

(b)(7)(C) All right. Why, in your opinion, would the battalion commander go out of the command entrance with a sergeant under his command?

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(b)(7)(C) Well that's the door he comes in and out every day, so I mean I didn't think anything of it, I didn't think anything suspicious of him going out his own door.

(b)(7)(C) With a female E-5 at 11:00 at night?

(b)(7)(C) Now why (b)(7)(C) went out that door I don't know, but the colonel uses that door to come and go every day.

(b)(7)(C) But didn't the appearance of them two together that late at night on a--what night was it? A Friday?

(b)(7)(C) I have no clue.

(b)(7)(C) Didn't that strike you as odd?

(b)(7)(C) At the time no, until her husband came in and then I started to piece it together.

(b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) when you were talking to him later that evening did not indicate why he had been with (b)(7)(C) in his office?

(b)(7)(C) Not that I can recall.

(b)(7)(C) Earlier?

(b)(7)(C) Not that I can recall. I did make the statement to (b)(7)(C) that it looked bad.

(b)(7)(C) And he said?

(b)(7)(C) He goes, "I know it looks bad."

(b)(7)(C) And if I remember correctly you told me that other than when you called him on his cell phone and he came in after the two (b)(7)(C) came in and were being rowdy, at no time before that did you have talked to (b)(7)(C) or

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walked around the building with him or walk outside and look in his window to see if the blinds were closed?

(b)(7)(C) Not that I can recall, no, I don't think I did.

(b)(7)(C) And you called the (b)(7)(C)

(b)(7)(C) Yes.

(b)(7)(C) How long have you been in the 51st?

(b)(7)(C) I arrived at the 51st in either September or October of 2003 or 2002 rather, right before we deployed to Iraq.

(b)(7)(C) So you deployed with the battalion?

(b)(7)(C) Yes.

(b)(7)(C) Were you all in the same vicinity in Iraq?

(b)(7)(C) No I'm on a CINT team. The CINT teams go out different directions, they support different units.

(b)(7)(C) Were you aware of any rumors at that time?

(b)(7)(C) No.

(b)(7)(C) So this was the first incident--

(b)(7)(C) Yes.

(b)(7)(C) That you had even indicated--

(b)(7)(C) That's why it never struck me odd that they were leaving, that she was in his office that they were walking out the same door. It didn't strike me as odd or peculiar in any way, shape, or form.

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(b)(7)(C) Have there been any other additional instances of any indications that this could be true since then?

(b)(7)(C) No.

(b)(7)(C) You haven't heard any other rumors going around about seeing them together anywhere?

(b)(7)(C) No. None.

(b)(7)(C) Okay I want to ask you one other thing and then I'm going to go back and cover some other areas that we've already covered and I want to ask you a question again. I have other testimony, other statements that indicate that you did walk outside with (b)(7)(C) walked around the building, and looked in his office to make sure the blinds were closed and walked back around. I'm going to ask you to rethink it, reconsider it one more time to did you or did you not do that?

(b)(7)(C) No sir I didn't. I do not recall doing that.

(b)(7)(C) Okay.

(b)(7)(C) I do not recall going outside.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. Was there anyone else in the building at the time that might have heard what was going on with this incident?

(b)(7)(C) Other than (b)(7)(C) myself, both (b)(7)(C) the (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) not that I can recall. I mean you said that the Soldier came in and signed in off of leave with his mother but I don't remember if that was during that timeframe or not.

(b)(7)(C) That's fine. Do you have anything else you wish to present?

(b)(7)(C) No sir.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. Is there anyone else that you think we should talk to?

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(b)(7)(C) Other than the (b)(7)(C) no.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. We are required to protect the confidentiality of IG investigations and the right to privacy and reputations of all the people involved in them. We ask people not to discuss or reveal matters under investigation. Accordingly, we ask that you not discuss this matter with anyone except your attorney, if you choose to consult one, without permission of the investigating officers.

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(b)(7)(C) No sir.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. Do you have any questions?

(b)(7)(C) (After a long pause) I'm sorry, I'm just trying to think. I believe that (b)(7)(C) had mentioned something about the blinds on (b)(7)(C) office.

(b)(7)(C) When?

(b)(7)(C) The second time that he came in.

(b)(7)(C) Okay and what do you recall that he said about it?

(b)(7)(C) I think--I wanted to say that he had made the statement that the blinds were closed.

(b)(7)(C) Okay.

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(b)(7)(C) But again, I don't recall leaving the building to go look because I mean you leave the office, you close your blinds. I mean shoot even when he's there most of the time they're closed. But I mean I don't recall leaving the interior of the building to go out and look.

(b)(7)(C) Okay. Anything else?

(b)(7)(C) No sir I think that'll do it.

(b)(7)(C) The time is now 1029 and this interview is concluded. Thank you.

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