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TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Patricia B. Skelly and Colonel (Ret.) Earl P. Hopper

SUBJECT: Attack on a POW/MIA Family Member by Joe Jordan,
National Vietnam POW Strike Force

Joe Jordan has sunk to a new low in an obscene attack upon a POW/MIA family member - Karen (Miller) Kirkpatrick, cousin of POW/MIA Donald (Butch) Carr, U. S. Army Special Forces, lost in Laos.

We were astonished when we received a copy of the fax from Joe Jordan to Karen in which he made false allegations against her professional and personal life. Jordan compounded his atrocity by sending this fax to several other people in the POW/MIA community.

Enclosed is a copy of Jordan's fax and a letter from Karen to us in which she rebuts Jordan's accusations. Read each of them very carefully.

After you read them, we are sure you will be - as we were - disgusted, offended, insulted and angered that Jordan would stoop so low as to attack any woman, especially a POW/MIA family member, in this manner.

All of Jordan's accusations against Karen are unfounded and unproven, as is most of the pointless information he distributes. Jordan became involved in the POW/MIA issue in 1991. During this short time, he has distributed material which, at best, is half-truth, and at worst, downright lies.

What was Jordan's motive in attacking Karen in this disgusting manner? We cannot answer that question. But to us, his actions reflect the emotional instability of a depraved mind. There is no excuse for anyone to attack another person, especially a woman, in this vile manner. Obviously, Jordan does not have the courage to make these allegations to Karen's face.

The insulting rumors initiated by Jordan in this case are slanderous and libelous. We are informed that Jordan probably will be facing a slander and libel lawsuit, and he will have to answer for his conduct in court.

Jordan must be placed in quarantine within the POW/MIA community. If he is not, YOU, WE, or ANYONE - POW/MIA family member, POW/MIA activist, or concerned citizen - could be his next target.

Some of you may continue to support Jordan even though you know his actions are underhanded and obnoxious. That will be your decision to make. Be warned, however, guilt by association can be very condemning.

THINK ABOUT IT.

Karen Kirkpatrick

August 25, 1994

Patricia B. Skelly and Earl Hopper

Dear Patty and Earl:

Per our conversation the other day, let me elaborate on the July 15, 1994, attack upon me by Joe Jordan. The enclosed document, and how it is portrayed by Jordan, is typical of him - and totally erroneous. (Note that Jordan had the unmitigated gall to fax the enclosed document to me, as verified by his name and fax number at the top of the sheet.) Undoubtedly, he also faxed this to other people. What devious purpose did he have in mind, or hope to accomplish?

First, in reference to the Memo for Record: It is common practice for all government agencies to make a Memo for Record of any telephone call made to or from them so that there is a hard-copy record of what was said. The November 2, 1993, document to Chuck Trowbridge is just such a Memo for Record. It should come as no big surprise to anyone who deals with the government, on any level, to learn there are files on everyone who writes, calls or meets with a government bureaucrat. This is Standard Operating Procedure and no big deal.

Second of all, it is no secret that Carol Hrdlicka and I were friends. She frequently stayed at my home while in the Washington area. As a friend, I was more than willing to call DIA to help her set up a meeting with Trowbridge. The person I talked with is the one I deal with about Butch's case, and one I felt might have been able to expedite the desired meeting. By doing so, it also saved her an additional long distance call. If making such a call for a friend makes me "an informant for DIA", then I'm in good company with every other POW family member, POW activist and any American citizen who has had reason to call DIA.

You might be interested to know the text of the Memo for Record for the most part depicts the conversation as I remember it. There is nothing "secret" about Carol's

position on Mike Van Atta; her planned trip to Laos and the reason why the trip was canceled; Van Atta's fundraising projects; her dissatisfaction with Trowbridge in particular and DIA in general. The planned meeting with Tony Lake, which DIA mentioned to me, held no new revelations.

The Tom McKinney situation is another story that was blown out of proportion by Jordan. Let me elaborate: In 1992, during the Veteran's Day activities, Tom must have been standing at the fringe of a large group of us when we were discussing where to go for dinner. It was late and we were all cold and tired and decided to go back to my place. There was no formal invitation issued to anyone; however, when he walked into my home, unannounced and uninvited, with a bag of food in hand, I must admit I was both surprised and uncomfortable. I had met the man before, but did not really know him. My unhappiness with him grew when he wandered into my kitchen and began opening various cabinets and doors. Does that make him a CIA spy? Hardly! And I never said he was a CIA agent. This is another one of Jordan's lies. Was McKinney out of line? Yes. Anyone who just walks into my home without an invitation, anyone who invades my privacy by snooping into my cupboards, for whatever reason, is one I do not wish to have in my home, period. I believe most people feel the same way I do, don't you?

My choosing to return to using my maiden name after my divorce last January is absolutely none of his business. I made that decision, with the encouragement of my family, because I felt it was correct for me to do so. To view this as something sinister is ludicrous and incomprehensible. Further, because I chose to move from a two-bedroom apartment to a one-bedroom apartment does not mean I've "gone into hiding". My address and telephone numbers have been publicly known since I moved. It does mean, however, that I am leading my life in a manner I choose and which is appropriate for me.

To tell you the truth, I don't know whether to laugh or scream over his reference to my job. I work for a very large national security company as a Sales and Marketing Manager. As a matter of fact, I also am a licensed Private Investigator. I find his reference to me being a "private dick" highly offensive, particularly in the derogatory manner in which he used it.

I do work for retired Brigadier General Art Bloomer, not General Boomer. So what? Many people work for retired military personnel. Quite frankly, I do not see what relevance that has to anything. But, again, this shows that Jordan does not get his "facts" straight.

I chose to address the most offensive portion of his slanderous and libelous rag for last. How dare this slimy and arrogant "wanna be" refer to me as a "bitch" and claim that "I

came on to him". How absurd! This statement should prove to everyone that Jordan is a liar since I know no woman who would ever find him appealing. He is revolting and disgusting; he is a braggart; he is self-centered and has the appeal of a dead roach. His demeanor and attitude are utterly repulsive. Possibly he entertains a fantasy or two about me? (That's a disgusting thought, isn't it!) In any event, his statement does show that he lives in some kind of fantasy world.

Likewise his reference to me having sexual relations with unnamed and unspecified numbers of activists is too ridiculous to address. Unlike Joe Jordan, who has been proven to be a liar by his own statements about his combat record, my credentials, credibility and record stand on their own merit. I will not dignify this garbage any further except to ask: How does one fight such unfounded rumors? And who will be his next victim?

To say I am Warren Gray's mistress is an insane lie. My contact with Gray is purely related to Butch's case. By the same equation, does Jordan mean that I also am the mistress of men in other governmental agencies with whom I speak regarding Butch, including Senators and Congressmen? Does this rationale make sense? Such accusations are totally untrue and unwarranted. It is just that simple.

My personal life is my own business. Whom I choose for friends, where I choose to live and work and how I choose to live my life are no one's business. I highly resent this intrusion into my life by a man I do not know, nor want to know.

In my opinion, Joe Jordan is a liar and a con artist who is spreading his own brand of poison in an attempt to disrupt the POW/MIA movement. This unfounded attack upon me begs the questions, what other family member is he attacking or preparing to attack?

Thanks for being there for me when this first surfaced. I really felt unsettled by Jordan's libelous and slanderous statements, and did not know quite how to deal with them.

I'll keep in touch.

Always,



P.S. Please feel free to use this letter in any way you wish