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ATTN: Staff Judge Advocate
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3. Request is therefore made that the Article 32 Investigation be re-opened, to take the testimony of Mr. Johnson and MSG Haynes in complete verbatim form. This request is necessary for two reasons. First, this will allow the defense counsel to be able to rely on the testimony given at the Article 32 Investigation for impeachment purposes. Secondly, this will allow the Staff Judge Advocate to have a proper foundation to base his recommendations to the Convening Authority in the pre-trial advice. The exclusion of this testimony works to the prejudice of the accused. A fair and impartial presentation of available evidence can not be presented for a proper disposition towards referral for trial.

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