

25 November 1964

Dear Tom,

Enjoyed your letter of 9 November, and I'm flattered that you listed me as a reference. I will be delighted to respond to any queries regarding your character or career. I'll only hold back sensitive information about the techniques you employed and your heavy winnings while participating in our "Dark Town Poker Club" back at Fort Leavenworth.

Sorry you didn't get to visit AIR ASSAULT II. I was on the lookout for you but understand you were forced to cancel your trip at the last minute. We are all glad it's over, and it's nice to be back with the family. The big job now is the writing and briefings of the test results. I'm sure you will have your share on these tasks.

Barb joins in sending our best to you, Girlie, and family. Say hello to the Olsons when you see them.

Bring your clubs and come see us at Fort Benning.

With warm regards,

RICHARD T. KNOWLES
Brigadier General, USA
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Dear Dick:

Hedging my bets, and in full recognition that my military career is approaching its end, I have listed you as a reference with a placement service for colleges and universities.

Characteristic of my lack of humility, I think that I could make someone a good Dean of Men -- or the like.

Attached is a brief resume' which I have submitted. If you receive inquiries, I will appreciate greatly your giving them an assessment of my qualifications.

Hope to see you and Barbara before long. All I hear regarding your tests and work is tops. Great going!

Can't help but reminisce about the greatest foresome -- Knowles, Chedister, Crownover and Blakeney.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,



THOMAS O. BLAKENEY
Colonel, GS

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Brigadier General Richard Knowles
11th Air Assault Division
Fort Benning, Georgia



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I. NAME BLAKENEY, THOMAS O'CONNOR

II. PERSONAL DATA:

Home address [redacted] Telephone: [redacted] Area Code 703
 Business address Combat Developments Command, Ft Belvoir, Va Telephone: [redacted]
 Age: 46 Sex: Male Place of Birth: Stephenville, Texas
 Height: 6'0" Marital Status: Married Military Status: Colonel, Regular Army
 Weight: 185 Children: Five U.S. Citizen: Yes

III. EDUCATION

1933-1936. High School, Stephenville, Texas.
 1936-1939. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La. BS (Zoo, Major; Chem, Minor)
 Sigma Chi, Scabbard & Blade, Cadet Battalion Commander, Student Athletic Trainer,
 Intramural Sports. Cited as outstanding Cadet, CMTC for two years.
 1961-1962. George Washington University. MA in International Affairs.
 1962. Harvard Graduate School of Business. Advanced Management Program. Diploma.
 Graduate of: Command & General Staff College, 1951; Army War College, 1956, and
 Air Force War College, 1962.

IV. EMPLOYMENT

Mar 64-Present. Director of Materiel, Combat Developments Command, Ft Belvoir, Va.
 Make decisions and establish total requirements for Army equipment ranging from port-
 able field altars to tanks and helicopters. The related expenditures amount to
 billions of dollars annually.
Feb 63-Feb 64. Initially Chief of Staff, then Chief of the Army Concepts Team in
 Vietnam. Directed an extensive operations analysis utilizing military evaluators
 and Stanford Research Institute scientists in a combat environment.
Aug 59-Jan 63. Army member of the faculty, USAF Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.
 A member of Curriculum Planning Board for Senior College of U.S. Air Force.
Jul 58-Jun 59. G3, V Corps, Germany. Principal staff officer of an Army Corps.
 Responsible for operations, plans, and training of a three division Corps with
 troop strength of over 60,000 individuals.
Jan 57-May 58. Commanded, Combat Command C. 3d Armored Division in Germany. Solely
 responsible for: control, operational efficiency and well being of 5000 troops; and
 millions of dollars of mobile and static equipment. "Mayor" of an American community
 of 10,000. Responsible for their health, welfare, education, and morale; and main-
 tenance of pleasant and workable relationships with the indigenous Germans.
1951-1955. Instructor and Faculty Member, Command and General Staff College,
 Ft Leavenworth, Kansas.

V. ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES

Senior Class President, Athletic Letterman, Eagle Scout (high school). Cub Master
 and Den Dad, Cub Scouts (1952-53); Vice President Dad's Club (1960); Baseball Com-
 missioner, Dad's Club (1961); President, Fort Belvoir Schools Board (1964).
 Several articles published, one of which won the annual award in "The Military Review."
 Recreation includes golf, hunting, fishing, reading and spectator sports.

This summary was completed by the registrant on 30 October 1964
 (Date)

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