UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	Crim. No. 23-mj-4293-DHH
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v.)	
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JACK DOUGLAS TEIXEIRA,)	
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Defendant.		

GOVERNMENT'S SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION IN SUPPORT OF PRETRIAL DETENTION

Pursuant to the Court's electronic Order entered on May 15, 2023, the government files this supplemental submission in support of its motion for detention of Defendant Air National Guardsman Jack Douglas Teixeira ("the Defendant"). Since the last court appearance on April 27, 2023, and notwithstanding extensive efforts by the Defendant to frustrate the government's ability to ascertain the full scope of classified national defense information that he compromised (as detailed in the government's original motion), the investigation into this matter has continued.

Additional evidence—including the Defendant's own words about his motive and actions—has now come to light, which compounds the national security and public safety risks that the government previously noted to the Court. That evidence belies the Defendant's efforts to minimize his criminal conduct and undercuts the Defendant's claim that he can be trusted to adhere to conditions of release imposed by the Court. In short, the weight of the evidence against the Defendant has only grown stronger, and the risks the Defendant poses if released have only come into sharper focus. Because no condition or combination of conditions would satisfy the concrete and serious concerns raised by the government, the Defendant should remain detained.

I. <u>Defendant's Illegal Activities, Including the Gathering and Disseminating of Classified</u> <u>Information Pose Continuing Risks to the National Security of the United States.</u>

The Government's detention motion identified the concrete and serious harms to national security that the Defendant's actions have caused and the real risks that those harms could be compounded if the Defendant is released. In its Memorandum in Support of Release on Behalf of Jack D. Teixeira, [Dkt. 20], defense counsel sought to defuse these harms by arguing that the "government's allegations in its filings . . . offer no support that Mr. Teixeira currently, or ever, intended any information purportedly to the private social media server to be widely disseminated." [Dkt 20, p. 40]. Along these same lines, at the April 27, 2023 detention hearing, defense counsel described the specific server in which the Defendant shared information as a "small private online community" and contended that there was no "suggestion that Mr. Teixeira himself ever intended anything to be widely available." These efforts to minimize the Defendant's criminal activities were facially unpersuasive at the hearing and have only been further undercut by the government's continued investigation.

Contrary to the Defendant's portrayal, the government's investigation makes clear that the Defendant directly posted classified information to multiple servers on the social media platform over the course of many months. One of those servers had at least 150 users at the time the information was posted and now may have many more users that are actively seeking access to classified information. See Attachment A, Declaration of FBI Special Agent Luke Church ("Church Declaration"). Among the individuals with whom the Defendant shared government information are a number of individuals who represented that they resided in other countries and

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¹ While mindful that public reporting does not necessarily replace law enforcement investigation, the government is aware of claims that persons continue to seek out the classified documents. *See* Jessica Donati, *A Global Scavenger Hunt for Classified Documents Pits Gamers v. Feds, Wall St. J.*, May 15, 2023.

who logged on to the social media platform using foreign IP addresses. *Id.* Putting aside that the provision of Top Secret national defense information to even one person not entitled to receive it could cause exceptionally grave damage to the U.S. national security and would violate the statutes outlined in the Complaint against the Defendant, here, the Defendant's willful transmission of classified information over an extended period to more than 150 users worldwide grossly undermines the notion of a limited transmission to a "small private" community and refutes the Defendant's self-serving narrative that he failed to appreciate the harms that his activities could cause. The Defendant cannot now be trusted to refrain from causing further harm.

In the first place, it is clear that the dissemination of the classified national defense information that the Defendant unlawfully posted was even more widespread and diverse than previously known. It is also clear that the Defendant publicly exalted in the breadth and sensitivity of the information that he was disclosing. As set forth in the Church Declaration, the Defendant boasted about the wide swath of classified information he had access to by virtue of his position² and encouraged efforts to broaden his unauthorized disclosures beyond the war between Russia and Ukraine. For example, on January 4, 2023, the Defendant stated:

Teixeira: theres gonna be a fuck ton of information here

. . .

Teixeira: it may be irrelevant, but its not just ukraine i cover Teixeira: i have stuff for israel, palestine, syria, iran, china

Teixeria: SE asia, sometimes western europe

Teixeira: DPRK, ROK

Teixeira: i don't usually cover south america that much anymore

Teixeira: before the war i was assigned to middle eastern intelligence gathering tasks

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² In a record the government received from the social media platform where the Defendant originally posted classified national defense information, the Defendant described his job in a November 19, 2022 message as doing "foreign intel" in "usaf intelligence." *See* Attachment A. He further stated that as part of his role, he worked with "NRO, NSA, NGA, and DIA people mostly." *Id.* On the same day, the Defendant said "I'm on JWICS [Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System] weekly" and "[k]nowing what happens more than pretty much anyone else is cool." *Id.* In a subsequent message from January 26, 2023, he again bragged, "I work in Air Force intel." *Id.*

In the same chat, the Defendant made clear his understanding of the unlawfulness of his disclosures, adding that "none of this is public information." *Id.* The Defendant had previously acknowledged on the social media platform that the information to which he had access required him to sign a non-disclosure agreement. *Id.* His persistent efforts to obtain and disclose classified information—in total contravention of his legal obligations and written commitments—was palpable as he wrote, "man, how fucked up is it i can type out all this shit and still be ready for more but can barely get through a two page college paper." *Id.*

At the same time, the scope of the Defendant's willful disregard of his obligations to protect such information has only come into sharper focus. In particular, the Defendant's disclosures (and associated boasting) continued even after being admonished by his superiors on two separate occasions—once in September 2022 and once in October 2022—amid concerning actions that the Defendant took related to classified information. *See* Attachments B-1, B-2. On these occasions, the Defendant met with his superiors and was instructed to no longer take notes in any form on classified intelligence information and to "cease-and-desist on any deep dives into classified intelligence information." *Id.* Yet, in February 2023, the Defendant was again observed viewing content that was not related to his duties. *See* Attachment B-3.

The Defendant even continued to share information with his online associates, defying these admonishments and taking further efforts to conceal his unlawful conduct. On December 6, 2022, the Defendant acknowledged that he was "breaking a ton of UD regs" (a reference to "unauthorized disclosure")⁴ but said, "Idgaf what they say I can or can't share." He went on to

³ Moreover, that the Defendant claimed to have information on multiple countries, which presumably spans a wide range of topics, only serves to increase his value to any one of those countries who might be interested in facilitating the Defendant's flight.

⁴ The Defendant was well aware of his obligations with respect to Unauthorized Disclosure and Classified Information regulations, having completed training in both subjects both in March 2022 and March

state that "[a]ll of the shit I've told you guys I'm not supposed to," acknowledging that "It's TS/SCI"—a reference to the top secret and sensitive compartmented information classification level of the information he was disseminating. He also bragged about the scope of information to which he had access, stating, "The information I give here is less than half of what's available." *Id*.

That the Defendant continued posting classified information despite keen awareness that he was violating the law and even after being admonished multiple times by superiors is a clear indication that he will be undeterred by any restrictions this Court places upon him and will not hesitate to circumvent those restrictions if he deems it in his interest to do so. His own posts make clear that he simply did not care what his government or his superiors told him he could or could not share, and the government submits that he would not give any more weight to whatever conditions the Court imposes. Moreover, his efforts to circumvent and conceal his illegal activities while on base in a classified facility is at odds with any notion that he would not find ways to circumvent restrictions imposed on him at his home—perhaps aided by one of the many foreign adversaries and threat actors who would no doubt salivate at the prospect of assisting him in evading the jurisdiction of the United States. As the government argued in its prior filing, and based on the facts above, no conditions this Court could impose would address the risks that his release poses.

II. <u>History and Characteristics of the Defendant</u>

Defense counsel has argued that the Bail Reform Act permits the court to consider, among other things, the Defendant's "present character [and] physical and mental condition." The

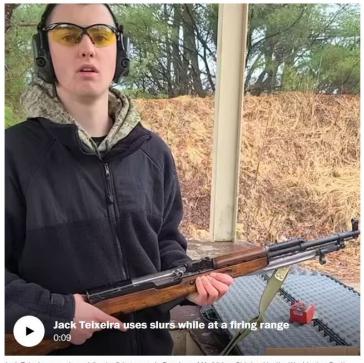
^{2023—}a period of time during which the Defendant repeatedly transmitted classified national defense information to those not authorized to receive it. *See* Attachment C.

government acknowledges that the Defendant's character is a valid legal consideration and submits that it weighs strongly in favor of detention.

As the government has previously argued, the Defendant's history suggests that he would use any opening to his advantage and has proven himself to be adept at offering false deflections of his prior conduct and evading restrictions placed on him. That history directly contradicts the self-serving narrative that the Defendant has advanced of his own character and morality. Among the conduct that could be contrasted with what the defense alleged to be the Defendant's peaceful reading of the Bible prior to his arrest is a recent video that has now been publicly published by *The Washington Post*. That video depicts the Defendant using racial and ethnic slurs while firing at a target, "emptying the magazine of bullets" and ending his statement with "I mag dump" which refers to the act of firing at a target continuously or repeatedly until the magazine of ammunition is empty.⁵

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⁵ See Shane Harris et. al., *Alleged Leaker Fixated on Guns and Envisioned 'Race War*,' Wash Post (May 13, 2023), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2023/05/13/jack-teixeira-discord-leaked-documents/



Jack Teixeira uses slurs while at a firing range in Raynham, MA. (Video: Obtained by the Washington Post)

In short, there is every indication that the Defendant is skilled and experienced at hiding these unsavory aspects of his character. His skill derives from a pattern that the Defendant has followed throughout his life and in his career, whether it is having school detention pared down due to a self-described "misunderstanding," or obtaining a gun permit by touting his role in the U.S. Air Force. The Defendant acknowledged his deceit in a conversation on the social media platform in January of 2023 in which he and another user discussed background investigations. See Attachment A. That user, who appeared to be undergoing a background check of his own, told the Defendant that the user was "spooked about my account for my back ground check" and went on to ask the Defendant to "ban my ass from your server and select the delete all message history option." The user explained that "im just going through background checks rn [right now] so im being extra careful." The Defendant replied, "i understand" and "i went through the same thing getting my ts/sci" referring to his security clearance. In other words, while the Defendant may have provided carefully curated information to his background investigator about the

"misunderstanding" in high school, he certainly did not reveal—and potentially took action to actively conceal—the significant volume of racist, antisemitic, and violent rhetoric he posted online lest his true nature and character prevent him from achieving his objective.

The government submits that these facts, in combination with the significant evidence of obstruction the government has already presented, reveal the defendant's true nature—one of self-serving deceit. Accordingly, the Court should have no degree of confidence that any condition or combination of conditions imposed will be followed by the Defendant throughout the duration of this matter.

III. Military Justice Oversight is not Available.

During the detention hearing, defense counsel stated that it was their "understanding that if the Court does release Mr. Teixeira and does not confine him to his father's house at all times that Mr. Teixeira would still have orders to report for duty. He's still under the control of the Air Force. It's our understanding that the Air Force would be able to transport him to and from that duty by Air Force personnel under direct supervision, and he would not be in any sensitive position. I think some sort of assignment in the chaplain's office, in the gymnasium, some other area where he'd have duty because he's under their control." Counsel went on to describe the military aspect as an "extra layer of support and supervision." [Detention Tr. p. 49].

Contrary to the assertions of defense counsel, and as set forth in the attached Declaration by Colonel Ryan N. Hoback, a military justice attorney for the Directorate Judge Advocate, Air National Guard, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1385, and "with limited exceptions not applicable here, federal law prevents the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force from assisting local law enforcement in enforcing civilian laws." *See* Attachment D, Hoback Declaration, at 3. Moreover, there is no oversight of the type described by the defense. While military personnel

may "conduct morale visits, room inspections, and stay attuned to quality of life needs of dorm occupants . . . [a] civilian home in North Dighton is neither a dormitory nor community house. A First Sergeant could not freely enter and inspect a civilian home without consent." *Id.* at 5. Finally, "it is neither a role nor responsibility of a First Sergeant to escort Air Force personnel to and from work" *Id.* at 6. For these reasons, the Court should lend no weight to the defense's assertions that the Defendant would be adequately supervised by some non-existent military authority.

IV. Release to Defendant's Father Will Not Reasonably Assure the Appearance of the Defendant or the Safety of the Community

At the April 27, 2023 detention hearing, the Defendant's father appeared before the court and indicated that he could step into the role of third-party guardian to assure the Court that his son would abide by the conditions of release. The Defendant's father lives alone and advised that he works what is essentially a ten-hour day at a location that is a one-hour and ten-minute drive from his home. Under questioning by defense counsel as to what devices were present in the home, the Defendant's father explained that he had agreed to remove any devices from his home which had internet access, including disabling a television. The Defendant's father was asked by defense counsel what actions he would take if he saw the Defendant violating his conditions of release. His answer was "I would either call him [the Defendant] or call whoever it was necessary that I'm instructed to call." [Detention Tr. p. 16]. If that was, in fact, the case, it appears that there is a phone at the residence and that the Defendant would have the ability to reach out to others and that other individuals, in turn, could reach out to him.

Other family members live within "the same neighborhood" according to the Defendant's father. The Defendant, therefore, could easily be contacted by other individuals—including friends or family who live nearby—who could, for example, leave a cell phone or items for him in the mailbox, which is on the roadway. There are myriad ways the Defendant could easily obtain

a phone or money or car keys without his father's knowledge. Put simply, nothing short of constant supervision—in other words, detention—can prevent the Defendant from accessing phones, internet, or other illicit devices during the pendency of his trial.

Conclusion

When the Defendant states that he will abide by conditions of release that this Court might set, it is not the first time he has made such a promise in a matter of importance. Pursuant to his enlistment, the Defendant promised to keep the national security secrets of the United States safe and to uphold and defend the Constitution. Despite being warned of the consequences of breaking that promise, the Defendant ignored his oath and published sensitive, top-secret documents for his own pleasure. The Court should have no confidence that the promises he might make in this proceeding would mean any more to him than the many promises the Defendant has already broken.

The government respectfully submits that the Defendant should be detained pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2)(A) and (B).

Respectfully submitted,

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/S/ Nadine Pellegrini

NADINE PELLEGRINI Assistant United States Attorney

Date: May 17, 2023



DECLARATION OF LUKE CHURCH, SPECIAL AGENT, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I, LUKE CHURCH, do hereby declare and state as follows:

- 1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have been since August 2022. As a Special Agent, I have received training at the FBI Academy located in Quantico, Virginia, including training on investigative methods and training specific to counterintelligence and espionage investigations. I am currently assigned to a squad at the FBI Washington Field Office, Counterintelligence Division, where I primarily investigate counterintelligence and espionage matters. During the course of these investigations, I have conducted or participated in witness and subject interviews, service of subpoenas, the execution of search and arrest warrants, the seizure of evidence, including computer, electronic, and email evidence, as well as requested and reviewed pertinent records. Based on my experience and training, I am familiar with the requirements for the handling of classified documents and information. I am also familiar with the methods used by individuals engaged in the unlawful use or disclosure of classified information.
- 2. I am currently investigating the activities of JACK DOUGLAS TEIXEIRA ("TEIXEIRA"), whom I believe willfully retained and transmitted classified national defense information to a person not entitled to receive it in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 793(b) and (d) and 18 U.S.C. § 1924. I previously submitted two declarations in this matter, and I make the following

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statements based upon my personal knowledge and information made available to me in my official capacity.

- 3. As described in my prior declarations, during the course of my investigation, I have reviewed records lawfully obtained from the social media platform where TEIXEIRA originally posted classified national defense information (the "Social Media Platform"). As described in the Affidavit in Support of an Application for a Criminal Complaint and Arrest Warrant ("Affidavit") for TEIXEIRA, the Social Media Platform provided the FBI with subscriber information for the user of a particular username that indicated the billing name associated with that username was "Jack Teixeira," and the billing address associated with that username was a residence I know to be associated with TEIXEIRA.
- 4. The Social Media Platform also provided information reflecting that TEIXEIRA posted government information, as defined in the Complaint, in at least three separate servers. The subscriber information reflects that one of those servers had at least 150 unique users, some of whom represented that they lived in foreign countries, and some of whom used foreign IP addresses to log on to the Social Media Platform.
- 5. Portions of the records from the Social Media Platform reflect the following interactions between TEIXEIRA and others on the server:
 - 15 November 2022

TEIXEIRA: I remember reading that on a TS network

TEIXEIRA: I work in airforce intel

User: Would have been nice

User: If you alerted us that a drone was heading to crash in the middle of a

suburb of our capital?

TEIXEIRA: We did

TEIXEIRA: Just not the people

User: Official government statement was nobody said shit

User: And nobody saw it

TEIXEIRA: Yeah I expect that to be the official statement

TEIXEIRA: My gov would have done the same downplay strategy

User: What is a ts network TEIXEIRA: Top secret

TEIXEIRA: Like SCI noforn, hcs

User: What is being said now about this loose ukrainian missile?

TEIXEIRA: I mean I'm hoping to get back to work in the next week rn I

have covid

TEIXEIRA: When I do get back however I will let u know

19 November 2022

TEIXEIRA: That depends on if you consider usaf intelligence to be glowies

TEIXEIRA: I don't even do cool shit like domestic operations it's all foreign intel

TEIXEIRA: I work with NRO, NSA, NGA and DIA people mostly TEIXEIRA: The I'd rather get a comfy position at MSIC or NASIC

User: when you do intel tho no coming back

User: you're on a list User: rest of your life

TEIXEIRA: I'm aware they made me sign and NDA

TEIXEIRA: I had to go through indoc for TS/SCI

TEIXEIRA: I'm on JWICS weekly

TEIXEIRA: Knowing what happens more than pretty much anyone else is

cool

• 22 and 23 November 2022

TEIXEIRA: I'm just in the know

TEIXEIRA: I've elaborated in this already

TEIXEIRA: no, but it was a way of telling you that the answer has already

been given on this server you just need to find it TEIXEIRA: i dont talk much so it won't be hard

TEIXEIRA: usaf intel

• 2 December 2022

TEIXEIRA: im trying to find which intel summary i put it in

TEIXEIRA: FUCK

TEIXEIRA: I hate being disorganized

User: wasn't it a long time ago?

. . .

TEIXEIRA: no this is recent

. . .

TEIXEIRA: found it

TEIXEIRA: as far as i know this still isnt public information

TEIXEIRA: i work in intel

• 6 December 2022

TEIXEIRA: The information I give here is less than half of what's available

TEIXEIRA: I work with all geopol

. . .

TEIXEIRA: I just think people aren't interested in hearing the rest

TEIXEIRA: Kek no

TEIXEIRA: I'm breaking a ton of UD regs

. . .

TEIXEIRA: Idagf what they say I can or can't share

TEIXEIRA: All of the shit I've told you guys I'm not supposed to User: Please leak confidential military documents for our amusement

TEIXEIRA: It's TS/SCI

• 4 January 2023

TEIXEIRA: I'm not home yet there's a lot more interesting things

happening soon

TEIXEIRA: I'll elab when I'm home

. . .

TEIXEIRA: ok

TEIXEIRA: theres gonna be a fuck ton of information here

. . .

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TEIXEIRA: SE asia, sometimes western europe

TEIXEIRA: DPRK, ROK

TEIXEIRA: i don't usually cover south america that much anymore

TEIXEIRA: before the war i was assigned to middle eastern intelligence gathering tasks

TEIXEIRA: that was my primary aor

TEIXEIRA: then they kinda tried to rip me away from that to put full

focus on the war

User: Maybe you should start a blog, that way you have an organized

place to post it all

TEIXEIRA: shooting myself in the back of the head twice isnt something

im fond of

TEIXEIRA: none of this is public information

TEIXEIRA: and making a blog would be the equivalent of what chelsea

manning did

User: What I was thinking User: better be careful then

TEIXEIRA: i am

TEIXEIRA: man, how fucked up is it i can type out all that shit and

still be ready for more but can barely get through a two page college paper

26 January 2023

TEIXEIRA: I work in Air Force intel

TEIXEIRA: Just telling you what we heard and write reports on

TEIXEIRA: If you wait a sec I can get you hard numbers

• 26 January 2023

User: Excalibur im spooked about my account for my back ground check, ban my ass from your server and select the delete all message history option. Nothing major but im purging my accounts recently so it would be a big favor. ill be back later im just going through background checks rn so im being extra careful

User: I know it's overkill but Im just trying to be safe

TEIXEIRA: i understand

User: N

TEIXEIRA: i went through the same thing getting my ts/sci

13 February 2023

TEIXEIRA: I have some insight since my home station is with an intel unit

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TEIXEIRA: I don't do much dompol tho

TEIXEIRA: It's mostly geopol

TEIXEIRA: Oconus shit

6. The interactions described above do not reflect all my knowledge on this matter or all relevant, inculpatory, or violent messages that I observed. They are instead offered to provide the Court with representative sample of certain messages attributable to TEIXEIRA.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Luke Church

Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 102D INTELLIGENCE WING (ACC) MASSACHUSETTS AIR NATIONAL GUARD OTIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE MASSACHUSETTS

15 Sep 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD
FROM: 101IS/OPs
SUBJECT: A1C Jack Teixeira
1. On 15 September 22, MSgt H was made aware that A1C Jack Teixeira of the 102 ISS had been observed taking notes on classified intelligence information in the 102d SCIF (BLDG 169). SSgt K told MSgt H that he observed A1C Teixeira put the note into his pocket and at that time asked A1C Teixeira if he planned to shread it. On 15 September 22, SMSgt H and MSgt H met with A1C Teixeira to discuss the incident.
2. A1C Teixeira has been instructed to no longer take notes in any form on classified intelligence information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 102D INTELLIGENCE WING (ACC) MASSACHUSETTS AIR NATIONAL GUARD OTIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE MASSACHUSETTS

27 Oct 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD
FROM: 101IS/OPs
SUBJECT: A1C TEIXEIRA
1. On 25 Oct 22, MSgt H was made aware that A1C Teixeira was potentially ignoring the cease-and-desist order on deep diving into intelligence information given on 15 Sep 22. On 20 Oct 22, A1C Teixeria attended the ISS morning meeting where the weekly CIB was being given by SSgt C and upon SSgt C finishing his brief, A1C Teixeria proceeded to ask very specific questions and
On 26 Oct 22, when asked
if he had been accessing JWICs to look up classified intelligence information,
2. A1C Teixeira has been instructed by SMSgt Heat to continue to cease-and-desist on any deep dives into classified intelligence information and focus on his job as a 1D. Additionally, he was offered the opportunity to explore cross training into 1N0 or 1N4 AFSCs but declined any cross training oppurtunity at this time.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 102D INTELLIGENCE WING (ACC) MASSACHUSETTS AIR NATIONAL GUARD OTIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE MASSACHUSETTS

04 Feb 2023

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FROM: 1011S/OPs

SUBJECT: A1C Teixeira

1.On 30 Jan 2023, MSgt H was walking the Ops floor when she observed A1C Teixeira on a JWICS machine. MSgt H observed A1C Teixeira viewing content that was not related to his primary duty and was related to the intelligence field. A1C Teixeira had been previously notified to focus on his own career duties and to not seek out intelligence products.

2. 30 Jan 2023, MSgt H notified SMSgt Hoof her observation.

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<u>DECLARATION OF COLONEL RYAN N. HOBACK</u> <u>MILITARY JUSTICE ATTORNEY</u> NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

I, COLONEL RYAN N. HOBACK, hereby declare and state:

- 1. I am the Military Justice Attorney for the Directorate Judge Advocate Air National Guard within the National Guard Bureau Office of the General Counsel and have held this position since January 2021. I am responsible for providing direct support to the 201st Mission Support Squadron Commander on Title 10 active-duty military justice issues involving members of the Air National Guard of the United States. Prior to this position, I served on Title 10 active-duty for over 10 years and in the Air National Guard for nearly 7 years, including holding the positions of Special Assistant United States Attorney, Area Defense Counsel, Senior Trial Counsel, Appellate Government Counsel, Appellate Defense Counsel, Judicial Staff Attorney, Instructor, and Staff Judge Advocate.
- 2. I make the following statements based upon my personal knowledge and expertise in my official capacity as the Military Justice Attorney to the Air Force commander with Administrative Control over the defendant, Airman First Class Jack Teixeira. The defendant's alleged misconduct occurred while he was on Title 10 active-duty orders assigned to the 201st Mission Support Squadron and performing duty at the 102nd Intelligence Support Squadron, Otis Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts. Accordingly, the defendant was subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice at the time of his alleged offenses and remains subject to potential court-martial charges for all misconduct committed at that time.
- 3. Military law authorizes a commander to direct inspections of persons and property under his or her command and to authorize probable cause searches and seizures of persons and property under his or her command. An Air Force commander would have no authority to direct an inspection or authorize a probable cause search and seizure of the defendant's father's home in North Dighton, Massachusetts. Accordingly, absent a freely given consent by the Defendant's father, which could be withdrawn at any time, no Air Force personnel could enter the defendant's father's home without authorization issued by a proper civilian legal authority. Moreover, pursuant to The Posse Comitatus Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1385, with limited exceptions not applicable here, federal law prevents the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force from assisting local law enforcement in enforcing civilian laws. Specifically, in the context of military support for civilian law enforcement agencies, 10 U.S.C. § 275 provides that members of the Air Force are prohibited from direct participation in a search, seizure, arrest, or other similar activity unless authorized by law.
- 4. The 201st Mission Support Squadron is physically located at the Air National Guard Readiness Center on Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. On any given day the 201st Mission Support Squadron has administrative control of approximately 4,000 to 10,000 Air National Guard members on Title 10 active-duty orders worldwide. As of 0900 Zulu on 15 May 2023, the 201st Mission Support Squadron had administrative control of 4,741 Air National Guard members on Title 10 active-duty orders worldwide. In addition to myself, the 201st Mission Support Squadron has only a Commander, Special Assistant to the Commander, Program

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Administrator, and three First Sergeants. Additionally, the physical location of the 201st Mission Support Squadron at the Air National Guard Readiness Center on Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, is located approximately 425 miles away from North Dighton, Massachusetts. This approximates to a 7-hour one-way drive in good traffic conditions.

- 5. The role of the First Sergeant in the Air Force is defined by Air Force Instruction 36-2113, *The First Sergeant*. The roles and responsibilities of a First Sergeant are specifically delineated in paragraph 2.13 of the Air Force Instruction. A First Sergeant has no role or responsibility in escorting Air Force personnel to and from work. Similarly, in accordance with paragraph 2.13.10.1 of AFI 36-2113, a First Sergeant may conduct morale visits, room inspections, and stay attuned to quality of life needs of dorm occupants. Dormitories and/or first term Airmen community housing are located on property under the authority of the military. The defendant was not residing in a dorm during his time on Title 10 active-duty orders. A civilian home in North Dighton, Massachusetts, is neither a dormitory nor first term Airmen community housing. A First Sergeant could not freely enter and inspect a civilian home without consent.
- 6. The 201st Mission Support Squadron has assigned one of its First Sergeants, an experienced Senior Master Sergeant, to attend to unit needs associated with the defendant. She resides near Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, approximately 425 miles one-way away from North Dighton, Massachusetts. Additionally, Otis Air National Guard Base is approximately 46 miles one-way away and Hanscom Air Force Base is approximately 53 miles one-way away from North Dighton, Massachusetts. While it is neither a role nor responsibility of a First Sergeant to escort Air Force personnel to and from work, given the geographic distance involved, escorting the defendant could not be practically accomplished. Similarly, even though a First Sergeant could not freely enter and inspect a civilian home, were it to even be allowed, given the geographic distance involved it could not be practically accomplished in any meaningful way. The 201st Mission Support Squadron First Sergeant understands her responsibility to conduct regular reoccurring check ins with the defendant. Given the geographic distance involved these will be conducted principally, if not entirely, telephonically. As noted in the "Commander/First Sergeant Checklist for Airmen and Guardians Under Investigation or Involved in the Military/Civilian Criminal Justice/Legal Systems," Airman and Guardians under investigation represent an "at-risk" group for a number of negative outcomes to include suicide. Regular reoccurring check ins are designed to mitigate the risk and are a tool to ensure the member continues to feel connected to and valued by their unit and to ensure the member is aware of helping resources and has access to them. Such check ins are not a restriction nor are they intended to be a substitute for appropriate pretrial restraint. While the First Sergeant may on occasion be physically present in Massachusetts when able and especially warranted, such travel requires special temporary duty travel orders, approval, and funding.
- 7. As stated in Department of the Air Force Instruction 51-201, *Administration of Military Justice*, an Air National Guard member's Title 10 active-duty orders cannot be administratively extended for purposes of investigation into violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The defendant is currently on Title 10 active-duty orders until 30 September 2023. However, those orders may be curtailed at any time. Whether those orders naturally end or are sooner curtailed, the defendant may be recalled by a General Court-Martial Convening Authority pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 802 to face proceedings under the Uniform Code of Military

Justice, to include a court-martial. Air Force jurisdiction to recall an Air National Guard member for violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice continues, subject to statute of limitations considerations, so long as the member is not separated or discharged from the Air National Guard. The defendant's current expiration term of service is 25 September 2025 and if necessary he can be administratively extended for the purpose of allowing sufficient time for conclusion of trial or investigation for a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice pursuant to paragraph 13.5.7.1 of Air Force Instruction 36-2606, *Reenlistment and Extension of Enlistment in the United States Air Force*.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 16th day of May 2023.

RYAN N. HOBACK, Colonel, USAF

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Military Justice Attorney