

EXHIBIT A

Kruelskie Raymond A COL

Sent: Mon 12/6/2004 9:21 AM

From: Olson Eric T. VADM
To: Flynn George J. BGen
Cc: Kruelskie Raymond A COL; Chipman Dana K COL; Palumbo Raymond P COL
Subject: RE: Our discussion

Attachments:

BGen Flynn,

Thanks.

Understanding that this is a personal e-mail and not a formal complaint or allegation, its nature and content give cause for concern. Our interest is in protecting the command from allegations (or perceptions) that we have participated in any unethical behavior.

Please coordinate an appropriate and expedited look into this by our IG. Include a determination of what - legal advisory notices were signed by COL Spellissy as he retired from active service. Please advise me up front and then keep me in the loop with respect to the type of inquiry/investigation being conducted and the milestones as they occur.

R, ETO

-----Original Message-----

From: Flynn George J. BGen
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2004 8:43 AM
To: Olson Eric T. VADM
Subject: FW: Our discussion

Admiral,

This is the issue we discussed. V/R George

-----Original Message-----

From: Palumbo Raymond P COL
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2004 7:55 AM
To: Flynn George J. BGen
Subject: FW: Our discussion

Sir, pls read note below and attachment. Lou Hennies is a retired Army 2 star. He called to talk to CG on Friday to pass along this info, but the boss was out so I asked him to send me something in writing. Dana is traveling all week... not sure if Dr. Uhler is aware and I'm pretty sure the deputy is unaware as well. Not sure how best to handle, so seeking your guidance?
v/r rp

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-----Original Message-----

From: Louhenn@aol.com [mailto:Louhenn@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, December 05, 2004 10:07 PM

To: Palumbo Raymond P COL

Subject: Our discussion

Ray..Great to chat with you Friday and know you are loaded up with challenges. Glad that Doug got you aboard. It's a wonder that Dell didn't skim you off, since he was your NS sponsor. Next time I get down to Tampa, I'll take you and Alice to dinner...Maybe we can get the Daileys to join us. I know both he and Doug are up to the butts in alligators so I won't count on it happening.

Regarding our conversation about Tom Spellissy, here is the info we discussed. Lots of red flags with this guy..especially the advising and establishing ties with foreign governments (business). When he was still with SOCOM, he was very close to the Swedes and made no bones about it. In October 2003 at AUSA, I first met him during a meeting between him and one of my client companies. He didn't know me from Adams housecat, but I must tell you that his demeanor with their executives was patronizing at best and he left no doubt in my mind that the Swedes were going to get most of the action and that this company should be satisfied with some token business. He left no doubt that he developed the shoulder fired program in SOCOM and no one knew more about it than him. May be true, but he really liked to throw his weight around. AS the meeting was coming to a close, one of the executives told him that I used to command the Nightstalkers and that Doug had worked for me. You should have seen the look on his face. He got very respectful, very quickly. I just nodded and said very little. I was in the listening mode and was not impressed with what I was hearing. Rather than go into the detail, I told them after the meeting that the guy was out of line and in mind was showing favoritism.

What's very bothersome is that he recently served as a PEO, has formed his own company and now he's about to get a sole source contract with his former Command as an "advisor" working in areas with which he is very familiar all the while working with the Swedes and or Norwegians. It sounds as if he wrote the RFP. It raises a lot of questions regarding conduct and one of the first questions that must and will be asked is if his company or he personally is under any retainer or contract with any foreign company with which he had contact while a member of SOCOM. Another question is whether he negotiated anything with them prior to his retirement. Word on the street is that he is under contract with one or more. That remains to be seen since I do not know. I do know that there are some deep concerns regarding how this has all come about and the way it has been handled. A guy I know who has close contacts with the HAC S&I says it does not smell good and was discussed last week. ?

All said, I really believe that this is something that really needs to be looked into. As you recall, some high ranking AF politically appointees in the acquisition community are now serving prison terms for negotiating employment while they were still in the Pentagon making acquisition decision affecting their prospective employer. If you have been in the acquisition business, there is a much longer "cooling off" period and I do know you can't work in areas you were working while on active duty. I do not want to see the command get egg on their face with this

action and as you read what I forwarded, along with what I've told you, I think you will agree it has that potential.

If you need to discuss with me further, do not hesitate to call. I can be reached at 334-790-0331 Cell or 334-774-2978.

Sincerely, Lou Hennies

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From: John Hill [jhill@talleyds.com]
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Subject: Fwd: Spellissy Returns
Attachments:

*Chief Marketing
from Kelly*

Sent: Tue 11/23/2004 6:29 PM

how that hell can this be legal ???

>>> <Cfeldmayer@aol.com> 11/23 3:03 PM >>>

The Army intends to award a sole-source contract to a Florida consulting company to advise the service and U.S. Special Operations Command about advanced weapons, according to a recently posted notice.

According to recent notices posted on the Federal Business Opportunities Web site, the Army's Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) has teamed with SOCOM's program executive office for special programs (PEO-SP) to work with the contractor.

More specifically, the contractor would advise the military on the generation, propagation and interaction of target effects produced from advanced weapons, munitions and energy technologies. Those technologies include lethal and "less-than-lethal" options.

The offices intend to award the contract to Strategic Defense International.

According to the notices, the most recent one posted Nov. 12, the offices want a contractor that has demonstrated an "in-depth knowledge of the PEO-SP portfolio" and is accustomed to working with classified topics and in dealing with classified units, the notice states.

PEO-SP has asked for a liaison officer to be stationed at McDill Air Force Base in Florida who would support advanced armaments systems and technology efforts. The liaison officer would work through ARDEC's special armaments and technology manager as well as with PEO-SP managers.

Along with that support, the contractor should help with new program requirements and funding generation, according to the notice. That company also will help design and plan new SOCOM armament systems, find funding and develop requirements documents for those systems.

The contractor should link new products with those emerging requirements across the globe, building ties with foreign government agencies and industries. The contractor should take on missions as needed to identify and assess emerging technologies and to report back to about the systems' suitability for certain missions and requirements, according to the recent notices.

Although the company will advise the process of decision-making, there would be boundaries for the contractor, which is instructed not to "perform any inherently government functions," such as making final decisions or certifications on the government's behalf, according to the notice.

Strategic Defense International is a Clearwater, FL-based consulting firm incorporated by Col. Thomas Spellissy, a former SOCOM special programs chief who left the Army in the summer. His retirement should be made official by the first of next year, he said.

Spellissy declined to comment about the award, which is still being negotiated.