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November 20, 2008

United States Department of Justice
Office of the Pardon Attorney
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Sir,

I am a resident of Oregon, a businessman and retired military officer. I spent 37 years in the US Air Force, rising to the rank of four-star general. From 1990 to 1994, I was the Air Force Chief of Staff, the senior uniformed officer responsible of organizing, training and equipping nearly 1 million active duty, civilian, and Guard and reserve officers and airmen, serving at over a hundred major installations, worldwide. The Air Force helped win Desert Storm during my tour as chief.

I write in behalf of Kimberly A. Johns, a business associate and friend who seeks a Presidential pardon. More than 20 years ago, Mr. Johns was convicted of a federal firearms charge and completed a six month work release and five year probation program. Since this incident, he has established an unblemished record of community service and business success. I have had dealings with him and I trust him completely and without reservation. He needs a Presidential pardon so he can be even more effective as a businessman and patriot.

Accordingly, I urge your consideration of Mr. Johns' application for pardon.

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28307-5200

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known Kimberly A. Johns both personally and in business dealings for over eight years. In my capacity as a new equipment outfitter for Special Operations Maritime equipment I first started working with Mr. Johns in 1989 to resolve a major problem Special Operations Army, Navy, and Air Force divers were having bringing mission essential equipment to a mission area underwater without getting it wet. With communications equipment this could, and did cause mission abort a number of times. When I first talked with Mr. Johns about this problem I had become quite frustrated after a number of other companies could not meet our requirement for waterproof equipment bags that could be used in depth's of salt water up to 100 ft. Mr. Johns pretty much dedicated himself toward resolution of this problem and in a two year period produced bags that exceeded our requirements. This family of waterproof bags has passed all our testing and is presently having National Stock Numbers assigned to make them a part of our diver support sets. Of noteworthy mention is the fact that Special Operations Forces had over the years lost large quantities of equipment due to water damage incurred during infiltration to mission areas. On behalf of the Special Operations Maritime community, I would like to commend Mr Johns for resolving this problem, and for being a friend to both the community and myself.

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JOHN V. STRYKER
Test Officer

U.S. Army Special Operations Cmd

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of October 1997.

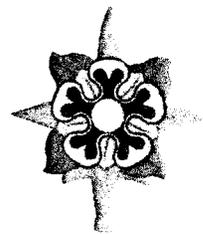
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MAZENE H. ANDERSON
Notary Public

My commission expires: March 13, 2001



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MEMORANDUM FOR: US Pardon Office

SUBJECT: Reference Letter for Kim Johns

In my nearly 20 years of military and civilian service I have come across very few individuals who had such devotion to duty as Mr. Johns. Mr. Johns spends countless hours working towards improving the way the military does business. He provides selfless service and it shows through his many years of service to the Oregon State defense Force. Mr. Johns continuously has provided his peers and superiors with expertise in amphibious operations and military support to civilian authorities decisions beyond the scope of his normal duty. Mr. Johns always has taken the time to mentor his associates and peers and does so without direction and more often than not, on his own time.

During my contact with Mr. Johns he has performed admirably for the units to which he has been assigned or volunteered for. Through his direct efforts these units have received outstanding evaluations in the areas of amphibious operations, recruiting and retention of one this nations most valuable resources, its citizen soldiers. He has been directly instrumental of assisting units maintain their strength; to which my current unit remains 100% strength. Through his direct and indirect involvement this unit became the number one Military Intelligence Company in the United States National Guard for the last two years.

He has always been attentive to the needs of the soldier over that of his own personal welfare. The single toughest and most important job of every leader is, taking care of people. Mr. Johns has been given this gift and it has become his passion.

Mr. Johns is a very loyal citizen to this state who instills that philosophy in his subordinates, peers and military leaders. Since his parole he has been a model citizen and has changed his outlook in life and proves it daily with his actions. His record, including traffic is spotless. Where others who went down the same path have failed, Mr. Johns succeeded. I can attend to this as well, since I serve as a detective for the Oregon State Police.

In summary, Mr. Johns has proven himself to be a loyal, dedicated soldier and leader. His competence has become one of this states undiscovered greatest assets. POC for this matter is the undersigned at (503) 557-6101.

"CHARLIE MIKE"

ROBERT A. ROEDER
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