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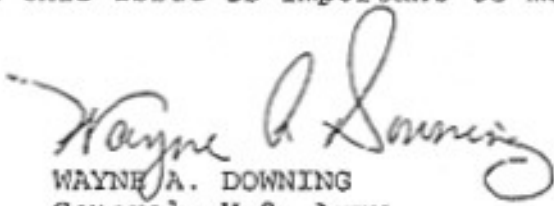
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24 May 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR: USSOCOM Component Commanders

SUBJECT: Commander's Informal Assessment of Extremist Group Participation

1. As a result of the recent bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, OK; the past military service of the FBI's suspects; and their apparent ties to extremist groups, concern has been raised about possible connections between currently serving SOF military personnel and extremist organizations.
2. While I do not believe there is any widespread existence of such activity within our special operations community, I want you each to do an informal assessment of your commands to determine whether SOF personnel are inappropriately participating in extremist groups in violation of DOD and Service policies.
3. Some of you have talked to me personally and your IGs passed comments to me through the USSOCOM IG, so I know your concerns, what you have done to date, and your recommendations. Using the methods you deem appropriate, assess the extent of participation and involvement, if any, of SOF personnel in extremist organizations, and the effectiveness of command efforts to educate SOF concerning related DOD, Service, and USSOCOM policies. This is not intended to target any particular organizations or specific personnel but to determine if this is a problem and how to address this issue within USSOCOM.
4. Please complete your assessments and recommendations by 1 July 1995. Include Reserve and National Guard units in your assessments. Your feedback on this issue is important to me and the Command.


WAYNE A. DOWNING
General, U.S. Army
Commander in Chief

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Encl
Extract of AR 600-20

DoD HOTLINE COMPLETION REPORT
AS OF 26 MAY 95

1. Name of Examining Official: THOMAS F. KIGGINS
2. Rank of Official: LIEUTENANT COLONEL
3. Duty Position and Telephone Number: IG, 695-1578
4. Organization: SAIG-AC
5. Hotline Control No: C-60263
6. Scope of Examination, Conclusions, and Recommendations:

a. In her May 4, 1995, letter to Secretary Perry, Representative Schroeder has asked Secretary Perry to direct the Inspector General to investigate the veracity of claims made on "60 Minutes" that active duty military are involved in an underground newspaper called The Resister.

b. It would not be appropriate for DAIG to conduct an investigation into such rumors presented by anonymous sources with no corroborating evidence provided. As indicated by Mr. Boxx, a spokesman for the Secretary of Defense, "I think we have to be very careful here to not undertake a witch hunt". Unsupported claims by an unidentified retired Army colonel about unspecified active duty involvement in an underground newspaper cannot be pursued without further specific information being provided.

c. With regard to your request that DAIG provide current Army policy concerning the participation of active duty personnel in off-base, unofficial publications, the following information is provided.

a. There is no specific prohibition against active duty participation in unofficial publications.

b. Paragraph 4-12, Army Regulation (AR) 600-20, prohibits participation by soldiers in extremist organizations. Military personnel, duty bound to uphold the Constitution, must reject participation in organizations which: espouse supremacist causes; attempt to create illegal discrimination based on race, creed, color, gender, religion,

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or national origin; and advocate the use of force or violence, or otherwise engage in efforts to deprive individuals of rights. Passive activities, such as mere membership, receiving literature in the mail, or presence at an event, although strongly discouraged as incompatible with military service, are not prohibited by Army policy. Prohibited activities concerning extremist groups include the following:

- (1) Participating in a public demonstration or rally.
- (2) Knowingly attending a meeting or activity while on duty, when in uniform, when in a foreign country, or in violation of off-limits sanctions or commander's order.
- (3) Conducting fund-raising activities.
- (4) Recruiting or training members (including encouraging other soldiers to join).
- (5) Organizing or leading such a group.
- (6) Distributing literature on or off a military installation.
- (7) Participating in any activity that is in violation of regulations, constitutes a breach of law and order, or is likely to result in violence.

c. I have attached an extract of AR 600-20 at the enclosure.

7. Cite Criminal or Regulatory Violation or Violations Substantiated: None.

8. Disposition: Recommend this case be closed.

9. Security Classification of Information: This inspector general report contains privileged information and will be protected in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-4 and 3-5, AR 20-1. Specifically, dissemination of the report will be restricted to the absolute minimum consistent with the effective management of the internal affairs of the Army. Dissemination of any portion of the report will not be made without specific permission of The Inspector General, DA.

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