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**BEFORE THE GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS**

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**In Re**

**ROBERT V. BLACK, Jr.**

**Petitioner.**

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**PETITION FOR REPRIEVE  
FROM EXECUTION OF DEATH SENTENCE AND  
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE**

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**APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY  
AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT THEREOF**

Robert Vannoy Black, Jr., respectfully submits this application for clemency, requesting that the Governor grant a 30-day reprieve of Mr. Black's May 22, 1992, execution date, so that the Board of Pardons and Paroles may convene and conduct a hearing to recommend that the Governor grant a commutation of Mr. Black's sentence of death to life imprisonment.

Although this application comes to the Governor and the Board of Pardons and Paroles just days before Mr. Black's scheduled execution, Mr. Black can in no way be faulted for this fact. On October 22, 1991, Mr. Black filed his first state petition for writ of habeas corpus with the Brazos County District Court, where it was pending until just six weeks ago. On April 7, 1992, the state trial court denied Mr. Black's petition and set the present execution date, without affording counsel for Mr. Black notice of either action. Mr. Black's petition was then reviewed by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which denied relief on May 12, 1992, exactly one week ago today. Seventy-two hours later, Mr. Black filed his first federal petition for writ of habeas corpus with the United States District Court of Texas, Southern District, which is still pending in that court as of this writing. Although Mr. Black has requested that the federal courts grant him a stay of execution so that they may consider the merits of his claims in due course and not against the artificial "deadline" of an execution date, Mr. Black is in no position now to assume that he will have

additional time to make this application for clemency to the Governor and to the Board.

In short, Mr. Black has been engaged in the vigorous pursuit of his legal remedies within the judicial system right up to, and including, the moment of the submission of this application for clemency. Mr. Black never envisioned having to appeal for clemency in such short time, and it is only because of the courts' unseemly haste in deciding the merits of his legal claims that this application for clemency comes at this late hour.

## Introduction

Robert Black is a living casualty of this country's tragic effort in Vietnam. In 1967, at the tender age of 20, Mr. Black stepped forward and volunteered to serve his country in war. At that age, Bob -- Eagle Scout, American Legion Boy's State representative, and favorite son of Haskell, Texas -- seemed to have a full life of promise and success ahead of him. By 1972, that life was already over.

It is indisputable that for at least ten years preceding the commission of the offense in this case, Mr. Black suffered from a debilitating mental disorder which he sustained as a direct consequence of traumatic events he experienced while he was in combat in Vietnam. This mental illness, known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, transformed Mr. Black from the once ambitious and successful Eagle Scout, popular high school student, skilled aircraft crewmember, and decorated Marine veteran into a troubled and helpless adult who experienced difficulty coping as a civilian with the simplest tasks of everyday life.

Mr. Black's illness permeated every facet of his life. Symptoms of the disorder, including increasing depression, irritability, and angry and sometimes violent outbursts, inevitably impaired his ability to readjust to civilian life. His relationship with his wife, Sandra Kay, floundered; they were divorced and later remarried, and many times separated over this

period. Mr. Black had difficulty maintaining employment, holding a succession of jobs punctuated by periods of unemployment. He despaired of the disappointments and unfulfilled dreams of his life. During one desperately low point in late 1984, Mr. Black unsuccessfully attempted to take his own life.

On two separate occasions, in 1976 and 1983, Mr. Black's mental health brought him to the brink of insanity, and he was hospitalized for psychiatric treatment for his disorders. Significantly, the evidence indicates that following these periods of treatment Mr. Black was able to restore some semblance of balance and stability to his life. During these periods his relationship with his wife and family demonstrated improvement and he was able to maintain steady employment. With medication and outpatient counseling, he was able to stabilize his mood swings and control his otherwise impulsive behavior. Without them, however, Mr. Black's disorder would again reassert itself, and his mental condition would resume its downward spiral of deterioration.

There can hardly be question that evidence of Mr. Black's mental disorder is relevant to a fair determination of the appropriateness of his death sentence. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder transformed Bob Black from a young man who embraced all that life had to offer with energy, determination, and vigor into a profoundly unhappy man whose life descended to such a miserably low point that he, irrationally, asked another man to take his wife's life. Although this conduct certainly can never be

excused, it cries out to be understood.

The jury that sentenced Mr. Black to death knew little of his highly decorated service to the country and nothing of the mental illness he suffered as a direct consequence of his traumatic experiences during the war. Although Mr. Black and his family struggled mightily to bring Mr. Black's record of service in Vietnam and his subsequent psychological problems to his attorneys' attention, the attorneys failed to make any affirmative efforts to investigate the significance of the disorder and to consider the possible use of this compelling evidence in mitigation of Mr. Black's offense. They failed to consult with mental health experts, to obtain readily available records concerning Mr. Black's psychiatric history, or to otherwise investigate these issues. Instead, they relied on their own lay perceptions of Mr. Black and their inexpert understanding of his disorder to justify their failure to investigate these issues and their relevance to this case.

In our system, a jury's verdict is rightly accorded respect when it reflects a full consideration of evidence concerning the crime and the defendant's character, background, and culpability. In this case, however, it cannot be said that Mr. Black's jury heard the most important evidence about the man whose life was in their hands. His attorneys did not develop or present the significant evidence that demonstrated that Mr. Black did not deserve the death penalty. Because the jury in this case was deprived of this critical information, their sentence of death

cannot be said to reflect a fully reasoned moral response to Mr. Black's offense.

As a review of the compelling facts of Mr. Black's life history makes clear, Mr. Black is deserving of a grant of clemency and a commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment. He is deserving of a life sentence because he volunteered to serve his his country in combat and because it was only through this selfless and life-endangering service that he came to experience the traumatic events that would lead to the menacing mental disorders that would unravel his life in the years after Vietnam. And without these terrible demons, there can be little doubt that Mr. Black would never have found himself at such a low stage in his life that he would ask another man to take his wife's life. The appropriateness of Mr. Black's sentence of death has never before been measured in light of this compelling evidence. It is imperative that it be so measured now.

1. Robert Black's exemplary life history preceding and including his voluntary service in Vietnam.

Robert V. Black, Jr., grew up in Haskell, Texas, one of the most popular and promising sons of that small town. Active in the Boy Scouts at a young age, Bob eventually rose to the level of Eagle Scout and volunteered to serve as a "den chief" to the younger boys in a Cub Scout troop. E.H. Vol. I at 62.<sup>1</sup> In high

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<sup>1</sup>The designation "E.H." is used herein to indicate a citation to the transcripts of the evidentiary hearing conducted before the Brazos County District Court on March 18 and 19, 1992. These transcripts are available upon request from counsel for Mr. Black.

school, Bob played football, ran track, and played the cornet in the school band. He did well in school, earning good grades and the high regard of his teachers and peers. Id. at 41. In 1964, he was chosen by his teachers to represent the school at Boys State. Id.

Upon completing high school, Bob left small town Haskell for Texas A&M University in Bryan, where he planned to study to become a chemical engineer. Id. at 42. After two years of college, however, at the height of the Vietnam War, Bob surprised his family by volunteering for service in the Marines in 1967.

Bob's decision to volunteer for military service followed in the steps of a long line of men in the Black family. Bob's father and three uncles all served in combat in World War II. Bob's father, Robert V. Black, Sr., volunteered for service and was held as a prisoner of war for 13 months in a German concentration camp. Although Mr. Black's experiences as a POW scarred him for life -- he has been diagnosed as "30 percent" Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and has been in counselling for nearly two decades -- he endeavored to instill in his two sons as they were growing up the same sense of patriotism and duty to country that led him to volunteer for service.<sup>2</sup>

Like his father before him, Bob volunteered to serve the country out of a sense of patriotism and duty. Although Bob

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<sup>2</sup>Bob's younger brother, Gary Franklin Black, was a Green Beret in the Army for seven years in the 1970's, and is still in the Army Reserves, with an Army medic unit, today. Unlike his older brother Bob, however, Gary was never subjected to the terrors of combat.

desired most to fly with the Air Force, he has written that he joined the Marines instead after the Air Force recruiter was "outmatched" by a "patriotic and rousing appeal from the Marine Corps recruiter." And while Bob's decision to forego draft exemption and to volunteer for service at the height of the war was met coolly by family and friends, Bob embraced his new duties with energy and determination.

Indeed, Bob wished to pursue a lifetime of service in the military. In boot camp, he quickly distinguished himself, and was chosen squad leader and later awarded the "Dress Blues Honor" as the "outstanding member" of the platoon. He then was selected to attend Officer's Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia, where he applied with renewed interest for training as a fighter pilot. Rejected, however, because of slightly imperfect vision in one eye, Bob accepted training as a Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) in a fighter plane as "the next best thing."

In December 1967, during a leave from boot camp, Bob married Sandra Kay Eimann, whom he had met at an ROTC dance in Bryan, Texas. Over the next three years, the couple moved frequently, living together in California, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, and Hawaii, as Bob received his various combat training assignments. Their only child, Gary Wayne Black, was born on October 7, 1969.

Upon completion of OCS, Bob was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant and then assigned to Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 242, Marine Air Group 15, 1st Marine Airwing, based at the Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Hawaii. There

he was teamed with pilot John Blackman, and together they trained to fly an F-4J Phantom II fighter plane in combat.

As "gung ho" as Bob was about being in the military, he was a far from typical serviceman. As his friend John Blackman explained:

Bob was highly regarded in our squadron, both for his qualities as a person and for his abilities as a radio intercept operator. Bob and I had a great deal of success as a flight crew and I credit much of that to Bob's abilities as an RIO.

But what I remember Bob most for was his compassion for people. He rarely had unkind things to say about anyone, even though we lived in a very close, tense environment. For example, when one particular pilot in our squadron refused to fly combat missions, Bob did not chastise or criticize him as most did, but said he understood his reasons.

In fact, Bob seemed to go out of his way to do things for others. This attitude was not limited to Americans, either, because Bob treated the nationals of each country we were in very graciously. Because many American military personnel were typical of the so-called "Ugly American," I found it refreshing to be associated with him.

See Exhibit 5 (affidavit of John Blackman).

In late 1971 and early 1972, the squadron was deployed in Subic Bay, Philippines, for additional combat training. In April 1972, the squadron received its first combat orders for Vietnam. Bob spent 11 months, 5 days in foreign and overseas service, which included a period of time from June 1972 to October 1972 where he served in Vietnam based out of Da Nang and Nam Phong, Thailand. Exhibit 4. During this period, he and John Blackman flew almost 100 combat missions together. Exhibit 5 (flight log of John Blackman and Robert Black, Jr.).

Mr. Blackman recalls that, ten years after their return to the United States, when Mr. Black and his son Gary Wayne visited

Mr. Blackman at his home in Iowa in 1983, Mr. Blackman was "amazed at Bob's vivid recollection of some of our missions. It was clear that many of our experiences had effected him deeply." Exhibit 5. Among the incidents that remained with Mr. Black most strongly was one bombing mission, which Mr. Black recalled "in exact detail," in which the squadron was to bomb "targets of opportunity." Exhibit 5. As Blackman explained, this meant they could bomb "anything that looked at all like a military target." Id. On this occasion, they dropped their bombs on several small boats in a river, not knowing whether the boats were used by the enemy to transport munitions or were simply fishing boats used by Vietnamese civilians. Years later, as they recalled this mission, "it was clear that it deeply bothered Bob that we were rather indiscriminately dropping thousands of pounds of bombs on what were indefinite targets." Id.

According to Blackman, Black blamed himself for another incident in which two planes in the squadron ran out of fuel and "flamed out" short of the runway. Id. Although there were no fatalities, Blackman recalled that Black "in particular, faulted himself for the accident, and the near loss of life, on the grounds that it had been primarily his responsibility to locate the airstrip for a safe landing." Id. Again, Blackman was impressed by the "very strong impact" that the event left on Mr. Black, still evident more than a decade later. Id.

Finally, "perhaps the most devastating" event that Blackman and Black experienced together was the loss of their "hootch

mate," Sam Cordova, who was shot down by enemy MIGs in August 1972. Id. On this occasion, Black and Blackman were among a division of fighters flying into an area to relieve another division of fighters on a bombing mission in North Vietnam. As they were doing so, they heard the radio transmission that Cordova's plane had been struck by an air-to-air missile. Id. A subsequent ground search for Cordova failed and he was declared "Missing In Action."

Shortly after his friend became "MIA," Mr. Black contacted Cordova's parents to extend his condolences and to offer to assist them in maintaining their son's affairs. See Exhibit 6 (correspondence between Bob Black and family of Leo Cordova). Many letters of support from Bob followed, as he tried to lift the spirits of the missing serviceman's parents. Id. At the same time, Bob ensured that no one in his unit would forget Lieutenant Cordova, painstakingly collecting \$315 from his fellow soldiers to purchase 123 "POW/MIA bracelets" bearing Cordova's name for every man to wear. Id. The Cordova family was grateful for this extraordinary expression of thoughtfulness and compassion, and invited Bob to visit them upon his return to the United States. Id. Years later, Bob was able to accept this invitation and meet the Cordova family in an emotional visit to their California home.

For his distinguished combat service, Mr. Black received numerous decorations and medals, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Meritorious Mast, the Vietnamese Service Medal

with one star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with a device, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with the bronze star, and the Air Medal with nine awards, each award representing 25 hours of combat activity. See Exhibit 3.

Yet despite this valiant record of service, as the American forces began their withdrawal from Vietnam, Mr. Black was released from the military due to a "reduction in forces." He was honorably discharged as a Captain on January 15th, 1973 -- his dream of a lifetime of service in the Marines come to an end. Emotionally devastated by this unceremonious severance from the military, Mr. Black returned to Texas to rejoin his family.

**2. Robert Black's difficulties adjusting after Vietnam and his record of Vietnam-related psychological problems.**

Like many Vietnam veterans who returned home after that war, Mr. Black struggled to reintegrate into civilian society. The country, still in the throes of protests against the war, did not warmly welcome its veterans home. The fact that America's Vietnam veterans were met by their fellow citizens with unprecedented ambivalence -- and in some quarters, outward hostility -- certainly did not ease their readjustment to civilian life.

Upon his return, Bob registered his own quiet protest against the unappreciative treatment he had received for his years of toil and life-endangering service in the military. Gathering his service uniforms together, Bob took them to the college he had left to join the Marines and laid them on the

steps of a dormitory at Texas A&M University. E.H. Vol. I at 52. This simple symbolic gesture marked Bob's decisive split with the the profession that he had wanted to serve for a lifetime. Now Bob had to gather up the shards of his shattered life and begin anew.

Bob encountered difficulty almost from the start. Without practical job skills for the civilian work force, he went for long periods without employment. When he was employed, Bob experienced difficulty sustaining his interest and enthusiasm for his work -- a problem which he had never encountered before. The difficulties Bob had maintaining employment spilled over into his marriage, as Sandra Kay had to shoulder the financial burdens of the family. His behavior and moods became erratic; he was often irritable and he fell into long periods of profound depression. Bob's self-image deteriorated, and he began to drink more often and more heavily. Undoubtedly, somehow, Bob Black had changed: this was not the same aspiring, industrious, and successful young man who had left Haskell looking forward to the promise of the life before him.

In April 1976, recognizing that these symptoms had driven him to the breaking point, Bob checked himself into the Veterans Administration Hospital in Houston, Texas. See Exhibit 9. He advised hospital administrators that he had come to the hospital "because he felt that he needed help." Id. He reported suffering a "nervous breakdown" in November 1975, but stated that he had not received treatment at that time. Id. Now, according

to hospital notes, Bob was "asking for help with anger, control and depression." Id.

Bob's self-admission to the V.A. Hospital was his first desperate cry for help. At the time, he reported marital, financial, and employment problems. According to hospital records, he had come to Houston because Sandra Kay, from whom he was estranged at the time, was there and Bob had "tried to talk her into some reconciliation." Id. Bob recognized his problems in the marriage, candidly acknowledging that he sometimes felt "sudden," uncontrollable, and inexplicable outbursts that were often directed toward his wife. Id. These outbursts seemed as bewildering to Bob as they were to his family and friends. Unemployed at the time of his admission, he told doctors he had had a "series of unemployment" periods since his release from the military, poignantly explaining that "his only training is of a bombardier and there is no demand for them" in peacetime. Id.

Bob was admitted for observation and treatment, and remained there for four-and-a-half months. Id. He was diagnosed as suffering from an "explosive behavior" disorder<sup>3</sup>, and was placed on psychotropic medications. Id. Eventually, medication was

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<sup>3</sup>As Dr. John Wilson explained at the evidentiary hearing in this case, the first time information about "PTSD" became available was December 1979, and the diagnosis was first listed by the American Psychiatric Association in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (3rd edition) in February 1980. E.H. Vol. I at 219. Therefore, prior to 1980, psychologists and psychiatrists were not making diagnoses of disorders as "PTSD." Id. As Dr. Wilson explained, a diagnosis of "personality disorder, explosive behavior," as here, was the kind of diagnosis commonly made for a disorder that now would be diagnosed as PTSD. Id.

discontinued as Mr. Black appeared to make progress. After nearly four-and-a-half months of inpatient hospitalization, "[i]t was felt that he had reached maximum benefits" so he discharged from the hospital. Id.

Although Mr. Black's four-month hospitalization led to temporary improvements in his behavior, it was destined to fail in the long-term. At the time of this institutionalization in 1976, the psychiatric community at large had little understanding of the behavior that is now recognized as symptomatic of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Indeed, it was not until 1980 that the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders -- the manual used by psychiatrists to diagnose mental illnesses -- included "PTSD" among its disorders. Given how little was generally known about the true nature of Mr. Black's disorder at the time of this hospitalization, it is perhaps not surprising that Mr. Black's doctors released him back to the community without a referral for outpatient treatment and without ensuring that he continued to receive medications.

Predictably, given this initial failure to implement an ongoing treatment plan for his disorder, Mr. Black experienced a recurrence of these problems. In June 1983, he was referred to Greenleaf Psychiatric Hospital, where he was admitted for "full psychological and medical evaluation." The intake document, prepared by Dr. Barney Davis, makes clear that Bob's problems are a repeat of his earlier difficulties:

"This 36 yr. old white male was in the office with complaints of depression, explosive personality behavior,

and a past history of a diagnosis of Paranoid Schizophrenia issued at the V.A. Hospital several years ago under similar circumstances. History was obtained in the office that the p[atien]t had been having difficulty in his marriage, becoming irritable and outburstive at home, as well as having generalized job dissatisfaction.... [Mr. Black] indicates that he started having depressive symptoms while he was a Naval [sic] Flight Officer in Viet Nam."

See Exhibit 10.

During the course of Mr. Black's subsequent one-week hospitalization at Greenleaf, a "psychosocial history" was prepared based largely on an interview with Mr. Black's wife, Sandra Kay. As that document states:

"Sandy said Bob has begun talking about Vietnam flashbacks since the middle of May, after visiting a pilot whom he had been with in Vietnam. Mrs. Black believes that her husband's emotional problems began shortly after his discharge from the Marine Corp [sic] in 1973 and after serving in Vietnam as a flyer. Bob was unemployed for five years after the Marine Corp [sic] and Sandy describes him as being jealous, and unable to handle stress....

Bob's work history has been very erratic and one of Sandy's complaints is his lack of motivation towards work. During the last five years he has held four jobs and the most recent one has been at the post office for one year.... Bob joined the Marine Corp [sic] in 1967, excelled as a flyer and was a Captain in Vietnam from 1970 -1971. After the war, the Marine Corp [sic] no longer needed Bob and Sandy said the transition to civilian life was a difficult adjustment for him. Mrs. Black reports that Bob never talked about his experiences in the war until after they saw the movie "The Deer Hunter." He then told her a story about seeing one of his best buddies being killed, describing some of the horror of war and then asking her never to bring it up again."

Id. Dr. Davis diagnosed Mr. Black as suffering from "Major Affective Disorder, Atypical Depression, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder." Id.

Following a week of treatment and counselling, there was sufficient progress in Mr. Black's condition that Dr. Davis

released him, to be followed up on an out-patient basis. During this period, Bob continued to receive medication which, according to Dr. Davis, assisted Bob in becoming "more settled and less depressed and less agitated." E.H. Vol. I at 104.

Dr. Davis' outpatient notes from his counselling sessions with Bob, and sometimes Sandra Kay too, support Dr. Davis' opinion that, with medication and treatment, there was "overall improvement" (E.H. Vol. I at 112) in Bob's mood and behavior. See Exhibit 11. On July 14, 1983, Dr. Davis reported that "[o]verall [Bob] feel significantly improved," and that Sandra Kay reported a "decrease in his explosive behavior." Id. On August 8, 1983, both Bob and Sandra came in for counselling and Davis again reported that "[g]enerally I think things are going well and his current medication dosage is appropriate." Id. Similarly, on August 30, 1983, both Bob and Sandra met with Dr. Davis and told him that "[g]enerally things are going well from a depression standpoint. There's been no major disruption since he was last seen." Id. On September 28, 1983, however, Sandra Kay reported another "flare-up" in Bob's behavior, and Dr. Davis responded by recommending a change in Bob's medication. In the next several visits, Dr. Davis experimented with increased dosages of lithium to modulate Bob's behavior. Id. By November 16, 1983, the dosage was strong enough that the couple reported that "Bob has done relatively well with no major upswings or downswings since last seen." Id. On January 4, 1984, Bob met with Dr. Davis alone, and the two of them "spent much of the time

reflecting on his Vietnam experience and the sadness that generated." Id. On February 1, 1984, Bob and Sandra both met with Dr. Davis and reported that "[t]he last month has gone very well," prompting Dr. Davis to shorten their session. Id. Bob came in alone to the last session, conducted on March 8, 1984, and spoke "some about his dissatisfaction with his current life," but reported "that things are generally going well." Id. Sometime after this last session on March 8, 1984, Dr. Davis moved his practice from Bryan, Texas, to Maryland. E.H. Vol. I at 114. Although Dr. Davis states that he advised his patients of the services of other psychiatrists in the area, E.H. Vol. I at 114, the unfortunate fact is that Mr. Black's promising outpatient treatment -- and therefore, his prescriptions to antidepressant medications -- came to an unexpected end with Dr. Davis' departure. E.H. Vol. I at 57. Without the necessary aid of counselling and treatment, Bob's disorder predictably reasserted control over his actions, and his life resumed a downward spiral of deterioration. By October 9, 1984 -- just six months later -- Bob tried to commit suicide, ingesting 91 percogesic tablets with alcohol in an attempted drug overdose. See Exhibit 12.

It was during that month -- October 1984 -- that Mr. Black first contacted John Wayne Hearn<sup>4</sup>, the man whom he would later

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<sup>4</sup>Mr. Hearn, who admitted to killing two other persons in Florida earlier that year, agreed to plead guilty in all three slayings and testify against Mr. Black in exchange for consecutive life sentences. Today, Mr. Hearn -- three-time convicted murderer -- walks around in civilian clothes and has a key to his own cell

ask to kill his wife Sandra Kay. S.F. Vol. XIX at 4830.<sup>5</sup>

**3. The relevance of Robert Black's psychological disorders to the conduct that led to offense in this case.**

It not a mere coincidence that during the same period that Mr. Black's life was once again spinning out of control -- and during the same month that Mr. Black would attempt to end his own life -- that he would make contact with John Wayne Hearn, who eventually agree to kill Mr. Black's wife. An understanding of Mr. Black's psychological disorders is necessary to comprehend Mr. Black's conduct at the time of the offense -- an understanding of which the jury in Mr. Black's case was deprived.

On August 2, 1985, Dr. John Walker performed an evaluation of Mr. Black to determine whether Mr. Black suffered from PTSD at the time of the offense, and if so, whether the disorder had any connection to the commission of the charged offense. See Exhibit 13. Dr. Walker's report of that evaluation stated, in significant part, the following:

Bob demonstrated .... instability in a number of areas including interpersonal relationships, mood and self-image.

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in a federal prison located near his family in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Black, in contrast, is locked down 23 hours a day, walks in chains, and awaits his death next week.

Yet while the disparity in their respective fates is striking, the reasons for a reprieve and ultimate commutation of Mr. Black's sentence have to do with Mr. Black and not Mr. Hearn.

<sup>5</sup>"S.F." is used here to designate a citation to a volume of the "Statement of Facts" of Mr. Black's trial. The "Statement of Facts" are those volumes of the transcript that comprise the testimony at the guilt/innocence and punishment phases of the trial.

Interpersonal relationships for Bob tend to be rather intense, situation specific, and unstable. Mood can change within a matter of moments and can shift from extremely dysphoric to elated. On numerous occasions this shift was noted throughout the assessment period. Behaviorally Bob is likely to be rather impulsive and unpredictable. Potential self-damaging behavior is always possible. Periodic angry outbursts and difficulty modulating emotion are characteristic. Bob also is having and has had difficulty coming to grips with his self-identity.

These characteristics, although indicated to a lesser degree before Vietnam, were probably exacerbated due to the stressors of combat. Bob reported recurrent and intrusive thoughts about combat, increased detachment and estrangement from others over time, as well as sleep disturbances, survival guilt and memory impairment. All of these symptoms are associated with a Post-Traumatic Stress disorder. Bob describes himself, after Vietnam, as silent, antisocial, temperamental, isolated, hurt and guilt ridden.

Years after Bob came back from Vietnam, he states that he "relives the war daily." At times, Bob himself, became the target of all his pent up rage as manifested in several reported suicide attempts. At other times, his wife Sandra became the target. She was seen by Bob as the cause of all his rage. In his mind she became the enemy. He reported that she never accepted him after Vietnam, was available and was so much weaker than he. Bob stated "the more she clung to me, it seemed as if she was trying to destroy me." Because of difficulty adjusting to civilian life in combination with his apparent personality disorder, Bob appears to have had a series of vocational and personal failures. The more he failed the more intense his disturbance and the more his rage spilled over at his wife. This intense emotionality and instability is still very much in evidence in Bob at this time.

Id. (emphasis added) Dr. Walker then concluded his report with the following diagnoses:

AXIS I - 309.81 - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder  
delayed and chronic

AXIS II - 301.83 - Borderline Personality Disorder with  
depressive and anxious features

AXIS III - Deferred

AXIS IV - Severity of Psychosocial Stressors: Extreme

AXIS V - Highest level of Adaptive functioning in last  
year: Very poor

Id (emphasis added).

As Dr. Walker noted, as Mr. Black's untreated disorders increased his levels of frustration and depression, his wife became the misplaced focus for him of his problems and his sense of failure -- "[i]n his mind she became the enemy." This irrational perception of his wife as the source of his increasing sense of failure and frustration with himself was a result of the distorting lens of his disorders.

Indeed, to fully understand the relationship of the disorders to Mr. Black's behavior it is necessary to have a full comprehension of the nature of his disability. Dr. John P. Wilson, an internationally recognized expert in PTSD, testified at the evidentiary hearing in this case, that in about half of the cases in which a veteran suffers from PTSD, the disorder is "co-morbid" -- in other words, coincides -- with another psychiatric disorder as well. E.H. Vol. I at 203. Dr. Wilson's diagnosis of Mr. Black, formed after a lengthy interview with Mr. Black and after a review of extensive records documenting Mr. Black's mental health history, was that Mr. Black suffers from Major Depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. E.H. Vol. I at 203.

As Dr. Wilson explained, the relevance of Mr. Black's mental disorder to his behavior can really only be understood in terms of the interrelationship of these "co-morbid" diagnoses:

Q: [T]o really understand [Mr. Black's behavior] is it necessary to understand the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder diagnosis?

A: I think it's important to understand the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder diagnosis, and I think it's also important to understand how that relates to the depression. Those two go together. As I said earlier, they're co-morbid conditions in the way they feed each other, if you can think of it in those terms.

Q: What's the cycle?

A: The cycle is that the depression is associated with helplessness, suicidal ideation, poor feelings of self worth, guilt, inadequacy, sleep disturbances and agitation. In turn, that often triggers his feelings of helplessness and vulnerability at the end of his combat tour of duty in Vietnam, that this had changed him, he now felt helpless, he did not have the career opportunity, he did not know where to go with his life.

And now he's starting to think about what it is that he did in the war, did he kill civilians, did he kill innocent women and children, was that the right thing to [do]. So you get these two syndromes feeding each other in a very dynamic way. So he can have an alteration of being very depressed and withdrawn with episodes of [] aggression, hostility, irritability, outbursts of anger and rage behavior.

E.H. Vol. I at 278-79.

When the interraction of Mr. Black's co-morbid disorders of PTSD and Major Depression is taken into account, the relevance of these disorders to Mr. Black's involvement in his wife's murder becomes more apparent:

Q: How would these disorders have affected Mr. Black at the time of the crime?

A: In my opinion the existence of his depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder impaired on his judgment, that it decreased his capacity for rational decisionmaking, it decreased his ability to be logical and to think and make decisions about his life and the things that were important to [him] in his his life at that time because of the disorder.

Q: Would it have contributed to any marital problems?

A: Unquestionably.

Q: Is that common in victims of PTSD?

A: Par for the course.

Q: [W]ould it have contributed to any aggressiveness?

A: Yes.

Q: Would it have resulted in any kind of diminished capacity?

A: Yes.

Q: Can you discuss that a little bit?

A: I think I already have, but I'll reiterate. I believe the existence of the depression in a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder impacted on his ability to reason logically, to have sound judgment and to find alternatives in terms of confronting the issues that he had in his life at that time, specifically the relationship to his wife, Sandy Kay....

E.H. Vol. I at 211-12.

Perhaps even more importantly, evidence of Mr. Black's mental disorders also explain how Mr. Hearn may have manipulated or exerted a strong influence on the clearly ambivalent Mr. Black in carrying through with the offense. As Dr. Wilson explained in response to questions at the evidentiary hearing:

Q: [I]n your opinion would this disorder have rendered him more susceptible to influence?

A: Yes.

Q: And why is that?

A: Because in my opinion Mr. Black had a very low self-image. I think he felt extremely vulnerable in addition to being depressed and troubled by what he had gone through in Vietnam. And because of that inner state of what I actually think is dependency as opposed to assertiveness in taking charge of his life, that he was vulnerable to influence from external sources.

Vol. I at 213. Dr. Wilson then explained the significance of this aspect of Mr. Black's disorder to his relationship with Mr.

Hearn, and its possible effect on Mr. Black's involvement in the offense:

Q: Was there anything significant in [John Wayne Hearn's] testimony about Mr. Hearn that you think would be relevant to Mr. Black's behavior in this case?

A: Yes.

Q: Could you describe that?

A: I'm paraphrasing because I don't have that testimony in front of me. Mr. Hearn presented himself as a Marine Corps officer, colonel, as a colonel. And to me that's significant, because I think Mr. Black looked up to people higher in rank and authority. And I think he perceived him [not just] as a fellow Marine, but a fellow Marine who was a colonel as opposed to a him being a captain [Mr. Black's rank] and, therefore, a authority figure.

Q: And so how would that have affected Mr. Black?

A: In my opinion it [] rendered him vulnerable and susceptible to Mr. Hearn's motives, so to speak.

E.H. Vol. I at 215-16.

The jury in Mr. Black's case was deprived of any information about Mr. Black's development of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder after his combat in Vietnam. Without it, they had no choice but to perceive Mr. Black as a fully rational, clear-headed, but cold-blooded killer. Indeed, the man who Mr. Black's jury sentenced to death was not the real Robert Black.

As the jury foreman at Mr. Black's trial stated in a recent affidavit:

[Since the trial] I have ... become aware of the difficulties Mr. Black experienced making a readjustment to civilian life upon his return to the United States and of the fact that Mr. Black had been diagnosed as suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result of his experiences in combat. As a veteran of the Vietnam war myself, I personally am familiar with a number of soldiers

with whom I served who experienced similar difficulties upon returning to the United States. From this personal knowledge, I take Post Traumatic Stress Disorder seriously as a very real psychological affliction with very real debilitating consequences.

Had Mr. Black's attorneys presented evidence of the difficulties Mr. Black experienced upon his return to the United States, this evidence would also have effected my deliberations. It is my opinion that such information would have contributed to an understanding of Mr. Black's post-Vietnam life and character. If this information about Mr. Black had been known to the jury, I would have shared my personal knowledge about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and its effects on servicemen with the rest of the jury. I would have made it a significant issue in our deliberations because it was of substantial significance to me then and is still of substantial significance to me today.

In retrospect, I feel that because I was deprived of this information as a juror I was not able to judge Mr. Black clearly and with equanimity. In short, I was deprived of what I consider the most important evidence in regard to my decision about the appropriate sentence in Mr. Black's case.

See Exhibit 8.

Mr. Black's accomplishments as a young man, his selfless act of volunteering to serve the country in wartime, and his outstanding record of service to the country in combat all must be recognized as making Mr. Black more deserving of a grant of clemency than those who have not acted similarly in their lifetimes. Moreover, it must be recognized that it was only because Mr. Black volunteered to serve this country that he acquired the disintegrating mental disorders which destroyed his ability to enjoy a fruitful and productive life. Had he never acquired these illnesses, there can be no question that Mr. Black would never have reached that point at the bottom of his life in which he irrationally asked another man to take his wife's life.

It is time for our government to acknowledge and to take

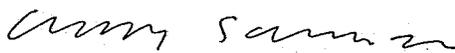
responsibility for the human destruction that was wrought on our sons by our tragic efforts in Vietnam. Mr. Black made personal sacrifices, risked his life for this country, and in return received a pat on the back and a dreadfully debilitating mental disorder. For this, he does not deserve to die.

Request for Relief

On behalf of Robert Vannoy Black, Jr., we respectfully petition the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles for a recommendation to the Honorable Ann Richards, Governor for the State of Texas, to commute Mr. Black's sentence of death to life imprisonment, and to convene a hearing to consider evidence and argument in support of this petition.

We respectfully request that the Honorable Ann Richards, Governor for the State of Texas, ask the Board of Pardons and Paroles to consider Mr. Black's petition for a commutation of his death sentence to life imprisonment our request for a 30-day reprieve of Mr. Black's May 22, 1992, execution date so that the Board of Pardons and Paroles can conduct a full and fair hearing on Mr. Black's petition for clemency.

Respectfully submitted,

  
RAOUL D. SCHONEMANN

VIRGINIA C. LINDSAY  
MANDY WELCH  
EDEN E. HARRINGTON  
Texas Resource Center  
1206 San Antonio Street  
Austin, Texas 78701  
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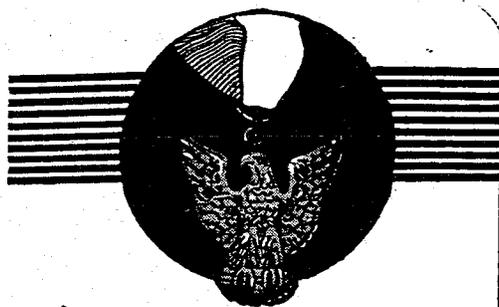
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered to the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Texas on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1992.

Ann Summer

**EXHIBIT 1**

**Eagle Scout card**



NAME ROBERT V. BLACK, JR.

UNIT TROOP #36  
IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AS AN

**EAGLE SCOUT**  
WITH BRONZE PALM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
CHISHOLM TRAIL COUNCIL



ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE  
*[Signature]*  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

**EXHIBIT 2**

**Haskell High School records**

No. Weeks	Res. L. Wk.	Registration Adm. In	Fns. In Lab.	Fns. In Lch.	9 YEAR			10 YEAR			11 YEAR			12 YEAR			13 YEAR			14 YEAR			Total Credits			
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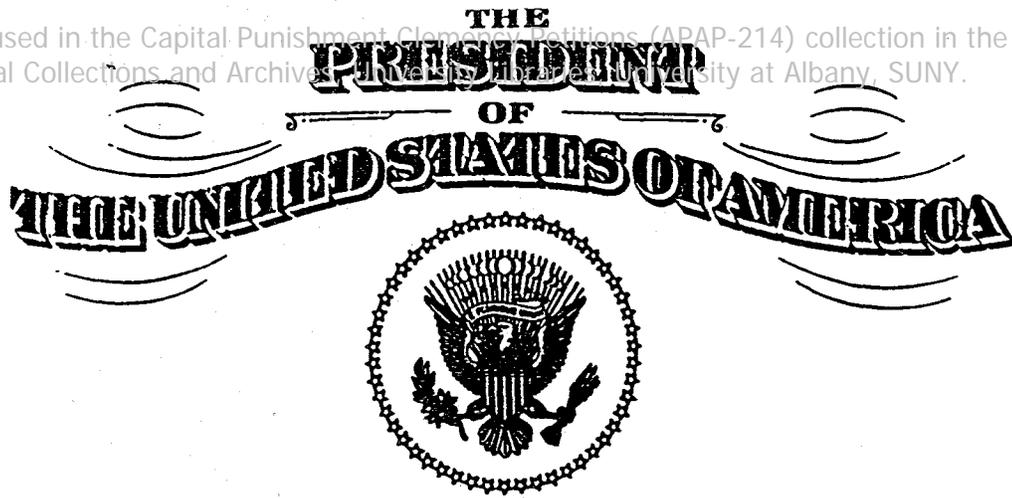
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This document is housed in the Capital Punishment Clemency Petitions (APAP-214) collection in the M.F. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, SUNY.

**EXHIBIT 3**

**Certificates of military commendations and promotions**



To all who shall see these presents, greeting:  
Know ye that, reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of **ROBERT V BLACK, JR 457700620**, I do appoint HIM A **CAPTAIN** in the

### Reserve of the United States Marine Corps

to rank as such from the **FIRST** day of **JULY** nineteen hundred and **SEVENTY-TWO**. This officer will therefore carefully and diligently discharge the duties of the office to which appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require those officers and other personnel of lesser rank to render such obedience as is due an officer of this grade and position. And this officer is to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as may be given by the President of the United States of America, or other superior officers acting in accordance with the laws of the United States of America.

This commission is to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States of America under the provisions of those public laws relating to officers of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and the component thereof in which this appointment is made.

Done at the City of Washington, this **FIFTEENTH** day of **APRIL** in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and **SEVENTY-SEVEN**, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the **TWO-HUNDRED AND FIRST**

By the President:

Registered No.

The lowest number of same date takes rank.

*[Signature]*  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of the Navy



*The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the AIR MEDAL (First Strike/Flight Award) to*

**FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT V. BLACK**

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE**

*for service as set forth in the following*

**CITATION:**

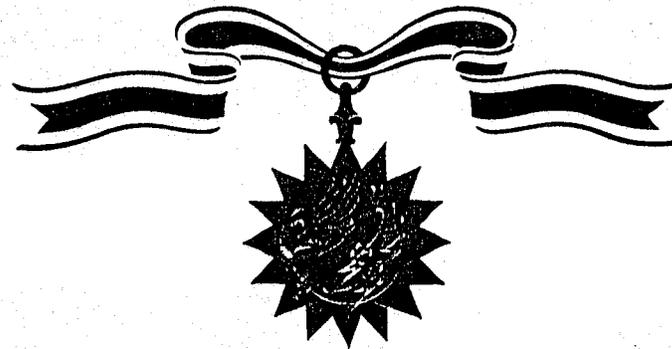
*"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a designated Naval Flight Officer with Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 232, Marine Aircraft Group Fifteen, First Marine Aircraft Wing. During combat support missions in support of the Republic of Vietnam against the enemy from 10 April to 25 April 1972, First Lieutenant Black contributed materially to the success of his unit. His courage and devotion to duty in the face of hazardous flying conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."*

*The Numeral "1" to represent One Strike/Flight Award is authorized.*

**FOR THE PRESIDENT,**

*Wm K Jones*  
**WILLIAM K. JONES**

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS  
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC**



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
HAS AWARDED THE

## AIR MEDAL

(STRIKE/FLIGHT NUMERAL "9" FOR THE SECOND THROUGH NINTH AWARDS)

TO

CAPTAIN ROBERT V. BLACK, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

FOR

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT IN AERIAL FLIGHT FROM 9 APRIL TO 9 OCTOBER 1972

GIVEN THIS 9TH DAY OF NOV 19 72



*John W. Warner*  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY



*To all who shall see these presents, greeting:*

*Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the fidelity and abilities*

*of*  
*appoint him a*

Robert V. Black Jr. 2384646/0311

Lance Corporal

*I do*  
*in the*

## United States Marine Corps

*to rank as such from the* first *day of* April *, nineteen*  
*hundred and sixty eight*

*This appointee will therefore carefully and diligently discharge the duties of the grade to which appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto pertaining. And I do strictly charge and require all personnel of lesser grade to render obedience to appropriate orders. And this appointee is to observe and follow such orders and directions as may be given from time to time by Superiors acting according to the rules and articles governing the discipline of the*

**Armed Forces of the United States of America**

*Given under my hand at* Hq, 3dBn, 2dITR, MCB, CamPen, Calif 92055

*this* ninth *day of* April *, in the year of our Lord nineteen*  
*hundred and sixty eight*

AUTHORITY MCO 1418.9E W/Ch2

DATE OF PROMOTION 9 April 1968

**J. C. WILSON MAJOR USMC**  
Commanding

# United States Maritime Council



*This is to certify that*

First Lieutenant R. V. BLACK Jr. USMC

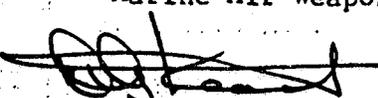
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Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force for the Air Combat Tactics Course

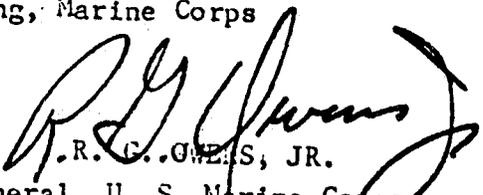
*Given at*

Marine Air Weapons Training Unit, Pacific, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps  
Air Station, El Toro (Santa Ana), California

*this* 14 *day of* May, 19 70

  
D. G. KEAST

Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
Officer in Charge

  
R. G. OWENS, JR.

Major General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding General, Third Marine Aircraft Wing

# United States Marine Corps



*This is to certify that*

First Lieutenant R. V. BLACK, Jr., USMC

*has completed the course prescribed by the*

Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force for the Basic Conventional Weapons Delivery/  
Basic Aircraft Maneuvering Course

*Given at*

Marine Air Weapons Training Unit, Pacific, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps  
Air Station, El Toro (Santa Ana), California

D. G. KEAST

Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
Officer in Charge

*this* 27th *day of* March, 19 70

R. G. OWENS, JR.  
Major General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding General, Third Marine Aircraft Wing

# Naval Air Technical Training Command Naval Air Maintenance Training Group

Naval Air Maintenance Training Detachment 1023  
F-4B/F-4J/RF-4B Marine Corps Air Station  
El Toro Santa Ana, California 92709

*This is to certify that*

1stLT. R. V. BLACK Jr.

*has successfully completed a course of instruction in the*

F-4B, RF-4B, F-4J AIRCRAFT PILOTS FAMILIARIZATION

*Awarded this* 6th. *day of* FEBRUARY 1970



NAMTG 1540/2 (REV. 4-68)

*J M Baslaw*  
Commanding Officer, Naval Air Maintenance Training Group  
*Galen R. Martine*

Officer in Charge





United States Navy  
Naval Air Training Command

*Know all men by these presents that*

ROBERT VANNOY BLACK, JR.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

*has completed the prescribed course of training and  
having met successfully the requirements of the  
course is designated a*

Naval Flight Officer

*In Witness Whereof, this certificate has been signed and the Seal of  
the Chief of Naval Air Training affixed hereunto on this the  
SIXTEENTH day of JANUARY 1970.*

*Naval Flight Officer  
Number G-4802*



*Quistrew*

Naval Air Technical Training Command  
U.S. Naval Air  
Technical Training Center  
GLYNCO, GEORGIA

*This is to certify that*

ROBERT VANNOY BLACK, JR.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

*has successfully completed the following course(s)*

RADAR INTERCEPT OPERATOR

*Awarded this* SIXTEENTH *day of* JANUARY *19* 70



J. C. HODELL, LT, USN  
STUDENT CONTROL OFFICER

# United States Marine Corps



*This is to certify that*

**Second Lieutenant Robert H. Black Jr.**

*has completed the course prescribed by the*

*Commandant of the Marine Corps for*

**The Basic Course**

**Basic Class 4-69, 8 October 1968 to 5 March 1969**

*Given at*

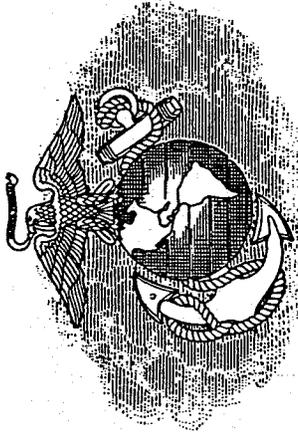
*Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Virginia*

*this 5th day of March, 1969*

**M. P. Ryan**  
Major General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Deputy for Education

**C. H. Hatley**  
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding Officer, The Basic School

# Honorable Discharge



FIDELI CERTA MERGES

from the Armed Forces of the United States of America

*This is to certify that*

CORPORAL ROBERT VANVOY BLACK JR., 2381616

*was Honorably Discharged from the*

# United States Marine Corps

*on the 3RD day of OCTOBER 1968 This certificate is awarded*

*as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service*

*H. D. LeKites*

H. D. LEKITES JR., CWO, USMC

**EXHIBIT 4**

**Military personnel records**

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PERSONAL DATA	1. LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE NAME <b>BLACK, Robert Vannoy Jr.</b>		2. SERVICE NUMBER <b>0108240</b>		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>457 70 0620</b>			
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				C. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE: <b>00 11 05</b>				
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	33. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER <b>R. L. BAINBRIDGE, Major, USMC, OIC Reassignment Branch</b>				34. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN <i>R. L. Bainbridge</i>			

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PERSONAL DATA	1. LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE NAME <b>BLACK, Robert Vannoy Jr.</b>		2. SERVICE NUMBER <b>2384646</b>		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>457 70 0620</b>			
	4. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS <b>USMC</b>				5a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK <b>LCpl Gpl</b>	6. PAY GRADE <b>E-34</b>	6. DATE OF RANK DAY: <b>1</b> MONTH: <b>Apr</b> YEAR: <b>68</b>	
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25. EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMPLETED <b>OCS, MCB, Quantico, Va. 1968 52S OCC</b> <b>College, 2 years Chem. Eng. 1967</b>								
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	28. VA CLAIM NUMBER <b>C- N/A</b>		29. SERVICEMEN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
REMARKS	30. REMARKS <b>Accepted commission in the USMC Good Conduct Medal period commences</b>							
	31. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE (Street, RFD, City, County, State and ZIP Code) <b>See Item #21</b>				32. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED <i>Robert Vannoy Black Jr.</i>			
AUTHENTICATION	33. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER <b>R. L. WHITED, 1ST LT, USMC, PERSO.</b>				34. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZING TO 57CH <i>R. L. Whited</i>			

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6. DATE OF ENL/INDUC <b>67 09 20</b>	7. TERM OF ENLISTMENT/INDUC <b>Six</b> YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> MINORITY	8a. MARITAL STATUS	8b. NO. DEPEND.	9. NAME & LOCATION OF ACTIVITY EFFECTING ENLISTMENT/REENLISTMENT/INDUCTION <b>AFEES, Houston, Texas</b>			
10. AFQT SCORE <b>7-98</b>	11. ENLISTED/REENLISTED/INDUCTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENLIST <input type="checkbox"/> REENL. <input type="checkbox"/> INDUCTION			12. AUTHORITY FOR ENLISTMENT/REENLISTMENT/INDUC			
13. TERM OF ACDU (Reserve only) <b>00</b> MONTHS	14. ACTIVE/INACTIVE STATUS (Reserve only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RETAINED ON AD <input type="checkbox"/> LIMITED AD (within 24 hrs) <input type="checkbox"/> INACTIVE DUTY			15. ACCEPTED AT <b>USMC-RS, Houston, Texas</b>			
16. DATE MIL OBLI INC <b>67 09 20</b>	17. PROS/AFS CODE/AFS MOD <b>9900</b>	18. RELIGION <b>BAPT</b>	19. SSAN <b>457 70 0620</b>	20. CONTRACT DUTY LIMITATIONS <b>None</b>			
21. DATE OF BIRTH <b>47 01 31</b>	22. CITIZENSHIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> US <input type="checkbox"/> NAT US		COUNTRY (Specify)	23. PLACE OF BIRTH (City, state or country) <b>Mexia, Texas</b>			
24. DATE OF TRANSFER	25. PHYSICAL PROFILE <b>11 12 B</b>		26. <b>N/A</b>	27. TRANSFER TO (Activity and location) <b>Retained</b>		28. <b>D</b>	
29. DATE LAST DC/RAD	30. SVC FROM WHICH LAST DISCH		31. <b>952</b>	32.		33. TYPE OF LAST DISCHARGE	
35. DATE OF RATE/GR <b>67 09 20</b>	36. SELECTIVE SERVICE NO. <b>41 77 47 31</b>		37. RATE/GR APT/RAT <b>Pvt</b>	38. SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BD (Bd No., city & state) <b>LB #77, Anson, Texas</b>			
39. BASD/ADBD	40. TOTAL ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE <b>00</b> YEARS <b>00</b> MONTHS <b>00</b> DAYS			41. HOME OF RECORD <b>Haskell, Haskell, Texas 79521</b>			
42. BPEP/PEBD <b>67 09 20</b>	43. TOTAL INACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE YEAR MONTHS DAYS			44. MENTAL TEST SCORES			
45. SEX <b>M</b>	46. RACE <b>Cauc</b>	47. DATA PROCESSING CODE					
48.							
49. PRIOR SERVICE							
BRANCH & CLASS/ ARMED FORCE & COMPONENT	SERVICE NUMBER	DATE ENL, IND, APT, AND/OR OAD	DATE OF DISCH OR RELEASE	GRADE/RATE OR RANK	TYPE OF DISCHARGE	REASON FOR DISCHARGE	TIME LOST (No. Days)
None							
<p>50. I know that if I secure my enlistment by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation or concealment as to my qualifications for enlistment, I am liable to trial by court martial or discharge for fraudulent enlistment and that, if rejected because of any disqualification known and concealed by me, I will not be furnished return transportation to place of acceptance.</p> <p>I am of the legal age to enlist. I have never deserted from and I am not a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the US Coast Guard or any Reserve component thereof; I have never been discharged from the Armed Forces or any type of civilian employment in the United States or any other country on account of disability or through sentence of either civilian or military court unless so indicated by me in item 56, "Remarks" of this contract. I am not now drawing retired pay, a pension, disability allowance, or disability compensation from the government of the United States.</p> <p>51. SECTION 5538 OF TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE is quoted: "(a) The Secretary of the Navy may extend enlistments in the Regular Navy and the Regular Marine Corps in time of war or in time of national emergency declared by the President for such period as he considers necessary in the public interest. Each member whose enlistment is extended under this section shall be discharged not later than six months after the end of the war or national emergency, unless he voluntarily extends his enlistment. (b) The substance of this section shall be included in the enlistment contract of each person enlisting in the Regular Navy or Regular Marine Corps."</p> <p>52. SECTION 5540 OF TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE is quoted: "(a) The senior officer present afloat in foreign waters shall send to the United States by Government or other transportation as soon as possible each enlisted member of the Regular Navy who is serving on a naval vessel whose enlistment has expired, and who desires to return to the United States. However, when the senior officer present afloat considers it essential to the public interest, he may retain such a member on active duty until the vessel returns to the United States. (b) Each member retained under this section - (1) shall be discharged not later than 30 days after his arrival in the United States; and (2) except in time of war is entitled to an increase in basic pay of 25 percent. (c) The substance of this section shall be included in the enlistment contract of each person enlisting in the naval service."</p> <p>53. I understand that, upon enlistment in a Reserve component of any of the Armed Forces of the United States, or upon transfer or assignment thereto, in time of war or National emergency declared by Congress, or when otherwise authorized by law, I may be ordered to active duty for the duration of the war or National emergency and for six months thereafter.</p> <p>54. I have had this contract fully explained to me, I understand it, and certify that no promise of any kind has been made to me concerning assignment to duty, geographical area, schooling, special programs, assignment of government quarters, or transportation of dependents except as indicated.</p>							

55. I swear (or affirm) that the foregoing statements have been read to me, that my statements have been correctly recorded and are true, in all respects and that I fully understand the conditions under which I am enlisting.

SI WITNESS

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (First Name - Middle Name - Last Name)

REMARKS

7. OATH OF ENLISTMENT (For service in Regular or Reserve Component of the Armed Forces except National Guard or Air National Guard)

I, ROBERT VANNOY BLACK, JR., do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted under the conditions

(First Name - Middle Name - Last Name)

prescribed by law, this 20th day of SEPTEMBER, 1967, in the USMCR(J) for a period of

3 years unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

SIGNATURE

58. OATH OF ENLISTMENT (For service in National Guard or Air National Guard)

I do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, in the (Army) (Air) National Guard of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and as a Reserve of the (Army) (Air Force) with membership in the (Army National Guard of the United States) (Air National Guard of the United States) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (Years - Months - Days) under the conditions prescribed by law, unless sooner discharged by proper authority.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Consti-

(First Name - Middle Name - Last Name)

tution of the United States and of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to them; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of \_\_\_\_\_ and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to law, regulations, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

SIGNATURE

59. CONFIRMATION OF ENLISTMENT

The above oath was subscribed and duly sworn to before me this 20th day of SEPTEMBER, 1967. To the best of my judgement and belief, enlistee fulfills all legal requirements, and in enlisting this applicant, I have strictly observed the regulations governing such enlistment. The above oath, as filled in, was read to the applicant prior to subscribing thereto.

TYPED NAME, GRADE/RANK, AND ORGANIZATION OF ENLISTING OFFICER

SIGNATURE OF ENLISTING OFFICER

SEVEN B. DUNKLEY, 1LT, AFES, HOUSTON, TEXAS

# ENLISTMENT CONTRACT - ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

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6. DATE OF ENL/INDUC <b>67 09 28</b>		7. TERM OF ENLISTMENT/INDUC <b>Two</b> YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> MINORITY		8a. MARITAL STATUS		8b. NO. DEPEND. <b>0</b>		9. NAME & LOCATION OF ACTIVITY EFFECTING ENLISTMENT/ REENLISTMENT/INDUCTION <b>AFEES, Houston, Texas</b>	
10. AFQT SCORE <b>7-98</b>		11. ENLISTED/REENLISTED/INDUCTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1ST ENLIST <input type="checkbox"/> REENL. <input type="checkbox"/> INDUCTION				12. AUTHORITY FOR ENLISTMENT/REENLISTMENT/INDUC			
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24. DATE OF TRANSFER <b>67 09 28</b>		25. PHYSICAL PROFILE <b>111121 B</b>		26. <b>N/A</b>		27. TRANSFER TO (Activity and location) <b>MCRDep, SDIEGO</b>		28. <b>67.4</b> <b>D</b>	
29. DATE LAST DC/RAD		30. SVC FROM WHICH LAST DISCHARGED		31.		32. <b>017</b>		33. TYPE OF LAST DISCHARGE	
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48.									

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<b>USMCR(J)</b>		<b>67 09 20</b>	<b>67 09 27</b>				<b>0</b>

50. I know that if I secure my enlistment by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation or concealment as to my qualifications for enlistment, I am liable to trial by court martial or discharge for fraudulent enlistment and that, if rejected because of any disqualification known and concealed by me, I will not be furnished return transportation to place of acceptance.

I am of the legal age to enlist. I have never deserted from and I am not a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the US Coast Guard or any Reserve component thereof; I have never been discharged from the Armed Forces or any type of civilian employment in the United States or any other country on account of disability or through sentence of either civilian or military court unless so indicated by me in item 56, "Remarks" of this contract. I am not now drawing retired pay, a pension, disability allowance, or disability compensation from the government of the United States.

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55. I swear (or affirm) that the foregoing statements have been read to me, that my statements have been correctly recorded and are true in all respects and that I fully understand the conditions under which I am enlisting.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS <i>R. E. Concha</i>	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (First Name - Middle Name - Last Name) <i>Robert Vannoy Black, Jr.</i>
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5 MARKS

57. OATH OF ENLISTMENT. (For service in Regular or Reserve Component of the Armed Forces except National Guard or Air National Guard)

I, ROBERT VANNOY BLACK, JR., do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted under the conditions prescribed by law, this 28th day of SEPTEMBER, 19 67, in the USMC for a period of Two years unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

SIGNATURE  
*Robert Vannoy Black, Jr.*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to them; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of \_\_\_\_\_ and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to law, regulations, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

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TYPED NAME, GRADE/RANK, AND ORGANIZATION OF ENLISTING OFFICER	SIGNATURE OF ENLISTING OFFICER
R. E. CONCHA, CPT, AFES, HOUSTON, TEXAS	<i>R. E. Concha</i>

DUPLICATE

CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT TEST RESULTS

APTITUDE - AREA CLASSIFICATION TEST BATTERY						
TESTS	(SYMBOL)	TEST SCORE	APTITUDE AREAS	(SYMBOL)	AREA SCORE	DATE
VERBAL	(VE)	113	INFANTRY	(IN)	135	OCT 67
ARITHMETIC REASONING	(AR)	131	ARMOR - ARTY & ENGINEER	(AE)	117	
PATTERN ANALYSIS	(PA)	113	ELECTRONIC	(EL)	126	
CLASSIFICATION INVENTORY	(CI)	137	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	(GM)	119	
MECHANICAL APTITUDE	(MA)	120	MOTOR MAINTENANCE	(MM)	115	
CLERICAL SPEED	(ACS)	117	CLERICAL	(CL)	115	
RADIO CODE	(ARC)	127	GENERAL TECHNICAL	(GT)	122	
GENERAL INFORMATION	(GIT)	126	RADIO CODE	(RC)		
SHOP MECHANICS	(SM)	122	DORE VERBAL (OFFICERS ONLY)			
AUTOMOTIVE INFORMATION	(AI)	107	DORE QUANTATIVE (OFFICERS ONLY)			
ELECTRONICS INFORMATION	(ELI)	129	TEST CLASS (OFFICERS ONLY)			
ARMY LANG APTITUDE TEST		16				

GENERAL CLASSIFICATION TEST BATTERY							
GCT	RV	AC	AR	PA	FOOTNOTES	DATE	

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN SELECTION TEST (ETST) -- SCORE: 65 DATE: OCT 67

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY				
LANGUAGE	PART I	PART II	TOTAL SCORE	DATE

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST ADMINISTERED? YES: NO:

REMARKS

S - SPECIAL COMPUTATION FROM A - A TEST BATTERY. \* - RETEST

BLACK ROBERT V	2384646	OCT 67	34122
NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)	SERVICE NO.	DATE OF PREPARATION	R.U. CODE

NAVMC 118 (8) - PD (REV 4-66)  
(2-64 EDITION WILL BE USED)

ORIGINAL - FORWARD TO REPORTING UNIT  
DUPLICATE - FORWARD TO CMC (CODE DGH)

**CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS**

PERIOD		UNIT OR ORGANIZATION	PRIMARY DUTIES	ADDITIONAL DUTIES
FROM	TO			
20Sep67	27Sep67	USMCR(J)	Inactive	
28Sep67	28Jul68	HqBn, MCB, QUANT	Admin Man	LCpl
29Jul68	30Oct68	OCS, MCB, QUANT	OC	LCpl Cpl
4Oct68	4Oct68	OCS, MCB, QUANT	Awtg Asg	2ndLt
5Oct68	5Mar69	TBS, MCB, QUANT, VA.	DUIINS BCL-69	
690322	6910167	MAD, NABTC, NAS, PNCLA, FLA UD#81-69/06050	5mo SNFO ST12	
700202	700213	VMFA-323, MAG-33, 3dMAW 011-70	Tem Du NAMTRADETS Trng.	
700318	711117	VMFA-212 MAG-24, 1ST MAR BRIG	SqdnRIO (7)	Ed&TestCont10 (17); ReptsCont10 (10); AwardsO (03); AltCustS&CFiles (10) PersAffairs/ClaimsO (17) FundsOff (03); SavBondOff (03); VetOff (03); PubAffC (17); TICOff (03);
711121		VMFA 232, MAG 15, FPO SFRAN 96602	SqdnRIO (1mo) CarPlanC (6mo) LineDiyO (3 Mos)	SqdnRIO (6mo); EdO (6mo) TIC Off (6mo); Sqdn RIO (5 mos)
721117	730104	H&MS37, MWSG37, 3dMAW, MCAS El Toro, Calif.	<del>Assist Legal Officer for Grp (3 Mos)</del> Assist Grp Legal O (3 Mos) ASD	None
730116	770729			
		*MORE (OI III) KSC. Mo <b>Discharged</b>		

NAME (Last) (First) (Middle) SERV

BLACK, Robert V. Jr.

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RECORD OF SERVICE

ORGANIZATION	DATE	REASON	PRIMARY DUTY	PROFICIENCY		CON- DUCT	SIGNATURE OF MARKING OFFICER
				GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS	DUTY		
3rd RTBn, RTR, MCRDep, SDIEGO	29 SEP 1967	Jd	9900 Recruit Trng	/	/	/	282 67 3418 Bydif
3rd RTBn, RTR, MCRDep, SDIEGO	12 DEC 1967	Tr	9900 Recruit Trng	4.9	4.9	4.9	268 67 34122 Bydif
V CO; 8BN, 2dITR, MCB CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF	DEC 12 1967	TD	TD	/	/	/	91-67/33294 Bydif
V CO; 8BN, 2dITR, MCB CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF	DEC 22 1967	To, Lv	DUINS ICT	/	/	/	99-67/33294 Bydif
V CO; 8BN, 2dITR, MCB CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF	JAN 10 1968	Fr Lv	DUINS ICT	/	/	/	4-68/33294 Bydif
V CO, 8BN, 2dITR, MCB CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF	JAN 30 1968	Tr	COMPL ICT	/	4.4	4.4	4-68/33294 Bydif
CasSec, HqCo, 3dBn 2dITR, MCB, CampPen	31 Jan 68	Jd	ECP HOLD	/	/	/	20-68/33282 Bydif
CasSec, HqCo, 3dBn 2dITR, MCB, CampPen	28 Feb 68	Tr	ECP HOLD	/	/	/	26-68/33282 Bydif
HqCo, 3dBn, 2dITR MCB, CampPen, Calif	FEB 29 1968	Jd	ECP HOLD	/	/	/	27-68/33284 Bydif
HqCo, 3dBn, 2dITR, MCB, CampPen, Calif	16 Jun 68	Tr	ECP HOLD	/	/	/	Bydif
HqCo, 3dBn, 2dITR, MCB, CampPen, Calif	16 Jun 68	Tr	ECP HOLD	/	4.9	4.9	Bydif
CO C, HqBn, MCB, Quantico, Va.	22 Jun 68	Jd	0141 AdminMan	/	/	/	UD#108-68/30501 Bydif
Co C, HqBn, MCB, Quantico, Va.	22 Jul 68	Tr	0141 AdminMan	/	/	/	UD#121-68/30501 Bydif
OCS, MCD, Quant, Va,	29 Jul 68	Jd	-OCC	/	/	/	Bydif
OCS, MCB, Quant, Va.	30 Oct 68	Dis	OCC	/	/	4.8	Bydif
OCS, MCB, Quant, Va,	3 Oct 68	Dis	Final Avg.	/	4.7	4.8	Bydif

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION

BLACK, ROBERT V. JR. M 2384646

NAME (Last) (First) (Middle) SERVICE NO.

MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION COURSES, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND TESTS COMPLETED (1500)

MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES						
DATE	PRIMARY MOS	1ST ADD. MOS	2ND ADD. MOS	TITLE OF MOS	AUTHORITY	UNIT DIARY NO.
12 DEC 1967	0300	- - -	- - -	Basic Soldier	FAR 3101.4 MARCORPERSMAN	26867
9 Apr 68	0311	0141	- - -	Rifleman	Par 3102.2 MGPW 61-	68/33281

CIVILIAN EDUCATION					CIVILIAN OCCUPATION	
TYPE SCHOOL	MAJOR SUBJECT	NO. YEARS	GRADUATE		YEAR LEFT SCHOOL	JOB TITLE
			YES	NO		
GRAMMAR SCHOOL		8	x		1961	Painter <span style="float: right;">1/2 yr</span> DUTIES Worked for a utility company; painted a power plant
HIGH SCHOOL	Acad	4	x		1965	
COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY	Chem Eng	2		x	1967	
TRADE-BUSINESS						

SERVICE SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND MILITARY CORRESPONDENCE COURSES COMPLETED					
SCHOOL ATTENDED AND LOCATION	COURSE	NO. WEEKS	YEAR COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	UNIT DIARY NO.

ACADEMIC EDUCATION COURSES, TESTS AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES COMPLETED				
DATE	TITLE OF COURSE OR TEST	SCHOOL AND LOCATION	CREDIT	GRADE

	DATE			STANDARD SCORES ON TESTS				
	PASSED	FAILED	INCOMPLETE	1	2	3	4	5
HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL								
COLLEGE LEVEL								
RETEST- LEVEL								
RETEST- LEVEL								

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS  
 7 Oct 67 Typing Test Form 2-48rpm Sports: Football 3 yrs HS, Track 1 yr HS  
 Hobbies: Refinishing Guns 4 yrs Musical: Coronet 3 yrs HSB Operates: Wood shop  
 1/2 yr Electronic Data Processing Test 7 Oct 67 score - 63

REMARKS  
  
 AQT - 8  
 PAR - 7

BLACK Robert V Jr 238446 DATE PREPARED 28 Nov 67  
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ARITHMETIC REASONING	(AR)		ARMOR - ARTY & ENGINEER	(AE)		
PATTERN ANALYSIS	(PA)		ELECTRONIC	(EL)		
CLASSIFICATION INVENTORY	(CI)		GENERAL MAINTENANCE	(GM)		
MECHANICAL APTITUDE	(MA)		MOTOR MAINTENANCE	(MM)		
CLERICAL SPEED	(ACS)		CLERICAL	(CL)		
RADIO CODE	(ARC)		GENERAL TECHNICAL	(GT)		
GENERAL INFORMATION	(GIT)		RADIO CODE	(RC)		
SHOP MECHANICS	(SM)		DORE: VERB:		160	
AUTOMOTIVE INFORMATION	(AI)		DORE: QUAN:		0	
ELECTRONICS INFORMATION	(ELI)		TEST CLASS:		4	

GENERAL CLASSIFICATION TEST BATTERY							
GCT	RV	AC	AR	PA	FOOTNOTES	DATE	
119	113	N/A.	131	113	S:	OCT 67	

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN SELECTION TEST (ETST) -- SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY				
LANGUAGE	PART I	PART II	TOTAL SCORE	DATE

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTS ADMINISTERED? YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO:

REMARKS

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S - SPECIAL COMPUTATION FROM A - A TEST BATTERY. \* RETEST

BLACK ROBERT V	108240	19 OCT 68	30382
NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)	SERVICE NO.	DATE OF PREPARATION	R.U. CODE

NAVMC 118 (8) - PD (REV 2-64) (PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE)

ORIGINAL - FORWARD TO REPORTING UNIT  
DUPLICATE - FORWARD TO CMC (CODE DGH)

WEAPONS FIRING RECORD, COMPETITIVE MARKSMANSHIP (1070)

WEAPONS FIRING RECORD

DATE	COURSE	WEAPON	SCORE, FINAL QUALIFICATION	SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER
26 Oct 68	A	M-14	210RSS	P. K. Buecht <i>[Signature]</i>
26 Oct 68	A	.45	337PEX	

By Dir

EXPERT REQUALIFICATION BAR RECORD

WEAPON	AWARD	YEARS	WEAPON	AWARD	YEARS

COMPETITIVE MARKSMANSHIP

MATCH PARTICIPATED IN	DATES	SCORE, FINAL/POSSIBLE	PLACED/TOTAL COMPETITORS	BADGES AWARDED

ADDITIONAL MARKSMANSHIP INFORMATION

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION

BLACK, Robert V. Jr.		457-79-0620
NAME (Last)	(First)	0108240
	(Middle)	SERVICE NO.



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20380

IN REPLY REFER TO  
DHA-ccb  
1 Sep 1971

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Brigade, FMF

Subj: Permanent promotion

Ref: (a) Title 10, U. S. Code, Chapter 549

Encl: (1) 3 Commission(s)

1. The President of the United States, having appointed the following named officer(s) to the grade indicated, pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), the Commandant takes pleasure in transmitting the enclosed commission(s).

<u>FIRST LIEUTENANT</u>	<u>SER. NO.</u>	<u>DATE OF RANK</u>
ROBERT V BLACK, JR	010 82 40	1 DEC 1969
FRANK L BREWER	010 82 57	"
WILLIAM A GREEN, JR	010 83 21	"

D. A. JOHNSON  
By direction

<p>Appt. signed for Pres. by John H. CHAFEE Reg. by Leonard F. CHAPMAN, Jr. Commandant of the Marine Corps Appt. dtd 1 SEP 1971 Pro. Br Memo# 49-71 FILE CORRESPONDENCE CASE</p>
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350

1 JULY 1972

From: Secretary of the Navy  
To: CAPTAIN ROBERT V BLACK JR 457700620 USMCR  
VIA: COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

Subj: Temporary appointment

Ref: (a) Title 10, U.S. Code, SECTION 5769

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), the President of the United States temporarily appoints you a

CAPTAIN

in the United States Marine Corps RESERVE

to rank from 1 JULY 1972 effective 1 JULY 1972

For the President:

Secretary of the Navy

Registered No. 9

Commandant of the Marine Corps

Appt. signed for Pres. by John W. WARNER  
Reg. by R. E. CUSHMAN, Jr.  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Appt. dtd. 49-72

Pro. Br. Memo#

FILE CORRESPONDENCE CASE

70-72



*The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the AIR MEDAL (Second through Ninth Strike/Flight Awards) to*

*CAPTAIN ROBERT V. BLACK, JR.*

*UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE*

*for service as set forth in the following*

*CITATION:*

*"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a  
designated Naval Flight Officer with Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron  
232, Marine Aircraft Group Fifteen, First Marine Aircraft Wing. During  
combat support missions in support of the Republic of Vietnam against  
the enemy from 9 April to 9 October 1972, Captain Black contributed  
materially to the success of his unit. His courage and devotion to duty in  
the face of hazardous flying conditions were in keeping with the highest  
traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."*

*The Numeral "9" to represent Nine Strike/Flight Awards is authorized.*

*FOR THE PRESIDENT,*

*Louis H. Wilson*  
LOUIS H. WILSON

*LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS  
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC*



ORIGINAL

CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT TEST RESULTS

APTITUDE - AREA CLASSIFICATION TEST BATTERY

TESTS	(SYMBOL)	TEST SCORE	APTITUDE AREAS	(SYMBOL)	AREA SCORE	DATE
VERBAL	(VE)	113	INFANTRY	(IN)	135	OCT 67
ARITHMETIC REASONING	(AR)	131	ARMOR - ARTY & ENGINEER	(AE)	117	
PATTERN ANALYSIS	(PA)	113	ELECTRONIC	(EL)	126	
CLASSIFICATION INVENTORY	(CI)	137	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	(GM)	119	
MECHANICAL APTITUDE	(MA)	120	MOTOR MAINTENANCE	(MM)	115	
CLERICAL SPEED	(ACS)	117	CLERICAL	(CL)	115	
RADIO CODE	(ARC)	127	GENERAL TECHNICAL	(GT)	122	
GENERAL INFORMATION	(GIT)	126	RADIO CODE	(RC)		
SHOP MECHANICS	(SM)	122	DORE VERBAL (OFFICERS ONLY)			
AUTOMOTIVE INFORMATION	(AI)	107	DORE QUANTATIVE (OFFICERS ONLY)			
ELECTRONICS INFORMATION	(ELI)	129	TEST CLASS (OFFICERS ONLY)			
ARMY LANG APTITUDE TEST		16				

GENERAL CLASSIFICATION TEST BATTERY

GCT	RV	AC	AR	PA	FOOTNOTES	DATE
119						

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN SELECTION TEST (ETST) -- SCORE: 65 DATE: OCT 67

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

LANGUAGE	PART I	PART II	TOTAL SCORE	DATE

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST ADMINISTERED? YES: NO:

REMARKS

S - SPECIAL COMPUTATION FROM A - A TEST BATTERY. \* - RETEST

LACK ROBERT V	2384646	OCT 67	34122
NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)	SERVICE NO.	DATE OF PREPARATION	R.U. CODE







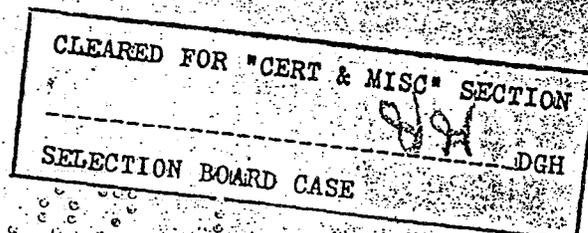
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20380

IN REPLY REFER TO  
MMSR-5-US/epb  
29 Jul 1977

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: Captain Robert V. BLACK, Jr. 457 70 06 20 USMCR  
Via: Director, Marine Corps Reserve Forces Administrative Center  
1500 East Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131  
Subj: Discharge from the Marine Corps Reserve  
Ref: (a) CMC ltr MMSR-5-BR1/epb of 15 Jul 77  
(b) MARCORSEPMAN, par 4009  
Encl: (1) Honorable Discharge Certificate

1. By direction of the President, you are honorably discharged from the Marine Corps Reserve, effective this date.
2. A certificate of discharge, issued in accordance with the authority contained in references (a) and (b), which reflects your honorable service in the Marine Corps Reserve, is forwarded as enclosure (1).
3. Your loyal and valuable service in the Marine Corps Reserve is sincerely appreciated.

By direction  
A. L. LUPES



INSERT THIS COPY IN  
OFFICER'S CASE FILE



7D/met  
1650  
2 Nov 1972

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
To: Captain Robert V. BLACK Jr. 457 70 0620 USMC  
Via: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code DL)

Subj: Award of the Numeral 9 to represent Nine Strike/Flight Air Medals

Ref: (a) CINCPACFLT INST 1650.1C

Encl: (1) Award Citation

1. In accordance with the authority delegated by reference (a), the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure in forwarding enclosure (1) in recognition of your service in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam.

H. A. CROCKER  
By direction

Copy to:  
SECNAV (w/1 copy of encl (1))  
CMC (Code DGH) (w/1 copy of encl (1)) FOR FILE  
CO, VMFA-232, MAG-15, 1stMAW (w/1 copy of encl (1))  
CG, 1stMAW (w/1 copy of encl (1))

- 9 NOV 1972

MEMORANDUM ENDORSEMENT

From: Senior Member, NDBDM  
To: CMC (Code DL)

1. Reviewed and recorded.

2. Extraordinary Heroism:

..... YES  NO

3. Forwarded for appropriate action.



BY DIRECTION



7D/met  
1650  
18 Jul 1972

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
To: First Lieutenant Robert V. BLACK 457 70 0620 USMCR  
Via: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF

Subj: Award of the Numeral 1 to represent One Strike/Flight  
Air Medal

Ref: (a) CINCPACFLT INST 1650.1C

Encl: (1) Award Citation  
(2) Decoration Set

1. In accordance with the authority delegated by reference (a), the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure in forwarding enclosures (1) and (2) in recognition of your meritorious achievement.

H. A. CROCKER  
By direction

Copy to:  
SECNAV (w/1 copy of encl (1))  
CMC (Code DGH) (w/1 copy of encl (1)) FOR FILE

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SELECTION BOARD CASE DGH



*The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the AIR MEDAL (First Strike/Flight Award) to*

*FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT V. BLACK*

*UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE*

*for service as set forth in the following*

***CITATION:***

*"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a designated Naval Flight Officer with Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 232, Marine Aircraft Group Fifteen, First Marine Aircraft Wing. During combat support missions in support of the Republic of Vietnam against the enemy from 10 April to 25 April 1972, First Lieutenant Black contributed materially to the success of his unit. His courage and devotion to duty in the face of hazardous flying conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."*

*The Numeral "1" to represent One Strike/Flight Award is authorized.*

*FOR THE PRESIDENT,*

*Wm K. Jones*  
WILLIAM K. JONES

*LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS  
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC*



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20380

IN REPLY REFER TO

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8 JUL 1972

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: First Lieutenant Robert V. BLACK, 457 70 06 20 USMCR

Via: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF

Subj: Certificate signed by the Secretary of the Navy;  
forwarding of

Encl: (1) Certificate for the Air Medal (1st S/F Award)

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith.

R. R. EPPS  
By direction

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SELECTION BOARD CASE  
DGH



*The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the AIR MEDAL (Second through Ninth Strike/Flight-Awards) to*

*CAPTAIN ROBERT V. BLACK, JR.*

*UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE*

*for service as set forth in the following*

*CITATION:*

*"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a designated Naval Flight Officer with Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 232, Marine Aircraft Group Fifteen, First Marine Aircraft Wing. During combat support missions in support of the Republic of Vietnam against the enemy from 9 April to 9 October 1972, Captain Black contributed materially to the success of his unit. His courage and devotion to duty in the face of hazardous flying conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."*

*The Numeral "9" to represent Nine Strike/Flight Awards is authorized.*

*FOR THE PRESIDENT,*

*LOUIS H. WILSON*

*LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS  
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC*

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## HEADQUARTERS

3d Battalion, 2d Infantry Training Regiment  
Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California 92055

BnBul 1650  
JCW/rsb  
10 June 1968

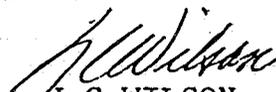
### BATTALION BULLETIN 1650

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Meritorious Mast; case of Lance Corporal Robert V. BLACK, Jr.  
2384646/0311/0141/0000 USMC

Ref: (a) MARCORPERSMAN par 8052.1  
(b) MCO P5000.3

1. Purpose. To publish information concerning the subject Meritorious Mast in accordance with reference (a).
2. The Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 2d Infantry Training Regiment, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California, hereby recognizes and commends Lance Corporal Robert V. BLACK Jr. for his exceptional performance of duty while a member of this unit from 29 February 1968 to 10 June 1968. Assigned as an Administrative man in the Central Administration Section he has demonstrated outstanding leadership, professional ability and exceptional devotion to duty which contributed greatly to the overall success of his section. His always ready, willing and able attitude distinguishes him as an earnest Marine. As a clerk in the Central Administration Section he has demonstrated outstanding attitude and effort towards his assigned tasks. His diligence and perserverance enabled him to do outstanding work. Although he had no prior experience in the Administration field, he attained a high state of efficiency as an Administration Clerk; his initiative, ability, and dedication have made him a valuable asset to this Battalion and a credit to himself and the United States Marine Corps.
3. Action. In accordance with the provisions of reference (b), the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 2d Infantry Training Regiment, is directed to have an appropriate entry made in Lance Corporal BLACK's service record book, and a copy of the Mast forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code DGH) to become a part of his official service records.
4. Self-cancellation. 10 July 1968

  
J.C. WILSON

DISTRIBUTION: "B"

Copy to:  
CMC (Code DGH)  
SRB  
Individual concerned

*Nes NED Co. Lt. dtd 1-16-70* MANUAL LINEAR LIST CARD (1427) NAVMC HQ 88a (REV. 1-62) USMCR

2ndLt(Perm) 1 Sep 68	(82)	Memo 56-68
1stLt(Temp) 1 Dec 69		Memo 79-69 IOUSC CH549
1stLt(Perm) 1 Dec 69		Memo 49-71 IOUSC Ch 529
Capt.(Temp) 1 Jul 72 (9)		Memo 49-72 IOUSC Sec 5769
Capt.(Perm) 1 Jul 72		Memo 47-77 IOUSC Ch549

*disch 72977 memo 78-77*  
*RAD 1-15-73 DD214 dtd 1-23-73 Kornedix, John H.*

SERV. DATE	INITIAL ENTRY	92067	D/R 1ST COMM.	90168
BIRTH DATE	31 Jan 47	FOOTNOTES	S. NED A V	
PEBD	20 Sep 67	SOURCE	ECP IOUSC 591	
SERVICE NO.	0108240 /457-70-0620	ACC. APPT.	4 Oct 68	



RESERVE RETIREMENT CREDIT REPORT (ORIGINAL) (1610)  
 NAVMC 798 (REV. 2-63)

ORIGINAL

ORGANIZATION	DATES (Inclusive)		OCCASION (Enter code from below)	ACTIVE DUTY POINTS	INACTIVE DUTY POINTS					ANNIVERSARY YEAR SUMMARY			SIGNATURE, RANK, TITLE
	FROM-	TO-			DRILLS	CORRESPONDENCE COURSES	OTHER EQUIVALENT INSTRUCTION	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL	TOTAL ACTIVE DUTY POINTS	INACTIVE DUTY POINTS (Not to exceed 60)	TOTAL POINTS CREDITED	
MGRFAA	20Sep67	19Sep68	29 Jul 68-19 Sep 68 1 53	x	x	x	x	x	53	x	53	/	
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MGRFAA	20Sep73	19Sep74	1 x x x x	x	x	x	15	15	x	15	15	<i>PA</i> GWO ORECO	
MGRFAA *	20Sep74	19Sep75	1 x x x x	x	x	x	1	15	16	x	16	16	<i>S.L. Hook</i> Bydir
	*Credit 16th Reserve Retirement point authority GMC ltr RESP-1/lcd dtd 8Nov74.												
MGRFAC	20Sep75	19Sep76	1 x x x x	x	x	x	15	15	x	15	15	<i>H. Stultz</i> Bydi	
MGRFAC	20Sep76	29Jul77	2 x x x x	x	x	x	12	12	x	12	12	<i>M. Lash</i> Bydi	
		DISCHARGED											

OCCASION CODES: 1 - End of Anniversary Year  
 2 - Separated from active reserve status  
 3 - Detached, transferred, or unit mobilization

NAME (Last) **BLACK Jr.** (First) **Robert** (Middle) **V.** SERVICE NO. **457 70 06 20**

(Over)



**UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE**  
 Madison, Wisconsin 53703  
**MILITARY TEST REPORT**

COMMANDING OFFICER  
 V 23 2 ITR 3 BN  
 MCB  
 CAMP PENDLETON CA 92055

68032

NAME, SERVICE NO. Br. of Service BLACK ROBERT V 2384646 N DY

has completed the following USAFI tests with achievement as indicated. For an explanation of test scores, percentile ranks, and USAFI retest policies, see the reverse side of this report and the current USAFI Catalog.

**GENERAL EXAMINATIONS OF THE COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM**

DATE TEST COMPLETED		TEST FORM	TEST ONE			TEST TWO			TEST THREE			TEST FOUR			TEST FIVE			TRY. RATING	RATING CODE
MO.	YR.		STD. SCORE	PCT'L RANK	Rating														
01	68	Y	563	73	S	492	58	S	546	72	S	428	32	S	545	66	S	HIGH SCHOOL - GED S - SATISFACTORY U - UNSATISFACTORY I - INCOMPLETE  COLLEGE TESTS A rating of S - SATISFACTORY U - UNSATISFACTORY follows each test score	
EAST		N	RY																

**END OF COURSE TESTS — USAFI SUBJECT STANDARDIZED TESTS**

DATE TEST COMPLETED MO. YR.	NUMBER AND TITLE OF COURSE OR TEST	RATING	RETEST
NO EN RY			

METHOD OF STUDY  CORRESPONDENCE  GROUP STUDY  BY EXAMINATION

RATING CODES: D—With Distinction S—Satisfactory U—Unsatisfactory 01-99 Percentile rank  
 RETEST. 1—1st RETEST 2—2nd RETEST, etc.

See reverse side for distribution of this report. Also, please review carefully the other information on the reverse side concerning USAFI tests.

- COPIES INCLOSED:
- (1) Examinee's
  - (2) Army—Personnel Records Section
  - Air Force—Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO)
- COPY FURNISHED (as appropriate):
- Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers E)
  - Commandant of the Marine Corps
  - Commandant Coast Guard (PTP-1)

*William H. Dicks*  
**WILLIAM H. DICKS**  
 REGISTRAR

# OFFENSES AND PUNISHMENTS

Good Conduct Medal Period Commences: 28 SEP 1967

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION

BLACK, ROBERT V. JR. M 2384646

NAME (Last)	(First)	(Middle)	SERVICE NO.
BLACK	ROBERT	V.	M 2384646



**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
**APPOINTMENT ACCEPTANCE AND RECORD**  
 (1400)

NAVMC 763 (REV. 10-67)  
 (8-63 EDITION WILL BE USED)  
 680913-Smr

SAT NAC COMPL 3NOV67 BY DOD NACC

1. NAME (Last - First - Middle) <b>BLACK ROBERT VANNOY JR</b>			2. INITIALS <b>BRV</b>		3. SERVICE NO. <b>0108240</b>		4. DATE OF RANK YR. MO. DA. <b>68 09 01</b>			
5. HOME OF RECORD (Street & No., or R. F. D. No., City or Town, County or Parish, State or Country) <b>HASKELL, HASKELL, TEXAS</b>				6. RANK APPOINTED <b>2ndLt</b>		7. TEMPORARY RANK PRESENTLY SERVING <b>NONE</b>		8. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <b>P</b>		
9. MOS. <b>9901</b>	10. <b>61-64</b>	11. HOME COUNTY CODE <b>207</b>	12. HOME STATE CODE <b>44</b>	13. CODE <b>01</b>		14. CODE <b>00</b>		15. PAY ENTRY BASE DATE YR. MO. DA. <b>67 09 20</b>		
16. PLACE OF BIRTH (City, County, or Parish; State or Country) <b>MEXIA, TEXAS</b>			17. DUTY LIMITATION <b>NONE</b>		18. PERMANENT RANK (For Temp. Appt. Only) <b>NONE</b>		19. COMPONENT/CLASS <b>USMCR</b>		20. DATE OF BIRTH YR. MO. DA. <b>47 01 31</b>	
21. IMMEDIATE ASSIGNMENT TO ACTIVE DUTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y = YES <input type="checkbox"/> N = NO		22. REGISTERED NO. <b>000</b>	23. CODE <b>0</b>	24. CODE <b>00</b>		25. CODE <b>C</b>		26. PRIOR ACTIVE NAVAL SERVICE YRS. MOS. DAS. <b>15-20</b>		
27. CITIZENSHIP <b>US</b>	28. RELIGION <b>BAPTIST</b>	29. RACE <b>CAUCASIAN</b>	30. SEX <b>MALE</b>	31. AUTHORITY <b>10 USC 591</b>			32. PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE ARMED FORCES YRS. MOS. DAS. <b>52-57</b>			
33. CODE <b>B</b>	34. CODE <b>B</b>	35. CODE <b>C</b>	36. PAS SOURCE CODE <b>49</b>	37. MPP SOURCE CODE <b>65-66</b>		38. PROGRAM <b>ECP52S</b>		39. DATE INITIAL ENTRY ARMED FORCES YR. MO. DA. <b>67 09 28</b>		

40. PRIOR SERVICE

A. BRANCH	B. SERVICE NO.	C. HIGHEST RANK	D. ENL. OR APPT.			E. DISCHARGED			F. ACTIVE SERV.			G. INACTIVE SERV.			
			YR.	MO.	DA.	YR.	MO.	DA.	YRS.	MOS.	DAS.	YRS.	MOS.	DAS.	
a. USMCR	2384646	PVT	67	09	20	67	09	27							
b. USMC	2384646	<del>PPG</del> CPL	67	09	28	68	10	03							
c.															
d.									AUDITED Date <u>12/2/68</u> <i>J. J. [Signature]</i>						
<b>RETURN DIRECTLY TO CMC (CODE DPH)</b>															

41. I do hereby accept the appointment described above.

42. Oath of Office: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter; so help me God.

43. I do further swear (or affirm) that all statements made by me, as now given in this record, are correct to the best of my knowledge.

**SCREENED READY FOR FILE**  
*JPH*

44. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER *Robert Vannoy Black*  
 Subscribed and duly sworn to before me at USC, MCB, QUANT  
 this 4TH day of OCTOBER, 19 68  
 (May be sworn to before any military or civilian official authorized to administer oaths)

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER ADMINISTERING OATH *R. L. Whited*  
R. L. WHITED, 1STLT, USMC

**RETURN DIRECTLY TO CMC (CODE DPH).C. 443**

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS (1070)

ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUDIT COMPLETED			
DATE	SIGNATURE AND RANK	DATE	SIGNATURE AND RANK

DATE: Articles UCMJ explained to me this date as required by Article 137, UCMJ.	DATE: Articles UCMJ explained to me this date as required by Article 137, UCMJ.	BLOOD TYPE: A-
(Signature)	(Signature)	DEPOSIT RECORD BOOK NO.
		CLASS SWIMMER: F 51

INSTRUCTION IN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES COMPLETED.

RECEIVED PREDEPLOYMENT TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCO 1510.12B

710204: VMFA-212, MAG-24, 1stMarBde, FMF AA Form fwd to CMC this date req Augmentation into Regular Marine Corps.

*[Signature]* ByDir

720630 VMFA-232 MAG-15 1stMAW FPO 96602 I certify that I have been issued USMACHIA Ration Card No. I further certify that I have read and understand Annx III to Appendix A of USMACHIA Reg. 60-1, and that I will immediately report the loss of this card. I understand that this card must be surrendered prior to my reassignment out of Thailand.

*[Signature]* ByDir

VMFA 232 MAG 15 FPO SFRAN 96602  
720410 ISSUED MAC V RATION CARD 442611 THIS DATE

*[Signature]* ByDir

720815: 3 yr SWAG sub this date to CMC (DFA).

*[Signature]* ByDir

720628: VMFA 232, MAG 15, 1stMAW, FPO SFRAN 96602. I certify that I have been issued USMACHIA Ration Card No. I further certify that I have read and understand Annex III to Appendix A of USMACHIA Reg 60-1 and that I will immediately report the loss of this card. I understand this card must be surrendered prior to my reassignment out of Thailand.

*[Signature]* ByDir

720916 RECEIVED 20 HOURS OF HUMAN RELATIONS TRAINING IAW MCO 5350.4 AND DRUG (I) TRAINING. COMPLETED THIS DATE.

*[Signature]* BYDIR

720426: Merit recommendation for augmentation forwarded to CMC this date.

*[Signature]* ByDir

MCRFAC, KSC, MO 4 May 77 DATE

EMBOSSING PLATE IMPRESSION

TEMPORARY / PERMANENT PROMOTION RANK Captain DOR 18 Jul 72

457-70-0620  
0108240

BLACK, Robert V. Jr.

NAME (Last) (First) (Middle) SERVICE NO.

720729 MCRF (IRR), KSC  
Dis eff this date.

SECTION 1. MARINE REPORTED ON  
 NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)  
**BLACK JR ROBERT V**

SECTION 2. OCCASION AND PERIOD COVERED  
 DATE FROM TO  
**TR 720909 721110**

SECTION 3. REPORTING SENIOR  
 NAME AND DUTY ASSIGNMENT  
**USMC MAJOR W. T. MCFALL EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

SECTION 4. SPECIAL INFORMATION  
 1. SPECIAL INFORMATION  
**SSNREQ 0108240**

SECTION 5. PERFORMANCE RATINGS  
 13. PERFORMANCE: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 14. INITIATIVE: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 15. COOPERATION: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 16. JUDGMENT: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 17. PRESENCE OF MIND: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 18. FORCE: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 19. LEADERSHIP: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 20. LOYALTY: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 21. PERSONAL APPEARANCE: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 22. MILITARY PRESENCE: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 23. ATTENTION TO DUTY: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 24. YOUR ESTIMATE OF THIS MARINE'S GENERAL VALUE TO THE SERVICE: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
 25. DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS FOR ALL MARINES OF THIS GRADE: 1 1 3 8 4 3 2

RECORD A CONCISE SUMMARY OF THE INCIDENTS OF INTEREST OF MARINE REPORTED ON. THIS SPACE MUST NOT BE LEFT BLANK.

*Captain Black has the capabilities and attributes of a fine Marine officer although many times he does not apply himself to his tasks. He has a vibrant, cheerful personality and is well liked by his peers and subordinates alike, but tends to shy the seriousness and hard work required of leadership. These comments are based on a relative*

*R. O. Lawrence* 17 Oct 72 *W. T. McFall*

R. O. LAWRENCE, LTCOL, US  
 COMMANDING OFFICER VMFA

SECTION 1. MARINE REPORTED ON (USE LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL)  
 SECTION 2. OCCASION AND PERIOD COVERED (USE DATE)  
 SECTION 3. REPORTING SENIOR (USE NAME AND DUTY ASSIGNMENT)  
 SECTION 4. SPECIAL INFORMATION (USE APPROPRIATE BOXES)  
 SECTION 5. PERFORMANCE RATINGS (USE RATINGS)  
 SECTION 6. COMMENTS (USE COMMENTS)

CONSIDER THE MARINE REPORTED ON IN COMPARISON WITH ALL OTHERS WHOSE PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES ARE KNOWN TO YOU PERSONALLY

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET CASE OF BLACK, ROBERT V <sup>CAPT</sup> PERIOD COVERED  
 FROM 720909 TO 731110

period of observation which did not provide the opportunity for the council and guidance which may have helped develop Capt Black's latent capabilities.

Capt Black did excel in his Aeronautical capabilities. As a designated Combat Division P/O, he demonstrated the <sup>most</sup> mature judgement, professional competence and versatility which earned the respect of all those with whom he flew. Captain Black flew numerous Strike/Flight Combat missions and was recommended for the Air Medal with appropriate numerals for the mission.

Captain Black attended the 1st MAW human relations course and is capable of working in teams without bias or prejudice, with manners regardless of race, color or creed.

*J. M. Fall*  
 MAJ USMC





SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET CASE OF CAPT ROBERT V. BLACK PERIOD COVERED  
FROM 72 07 15 TO 72 08 05

He is career motivated and his attitude toward the Marine Corps has had a pronounced effect on those who come in contact with him.

CAPT BLACK is a personable officer who is easily engaged in conversation. He is actively concerned in current affairs and communicates his thoughts and ideas with ease. He has utilized this talent to good effect in his dealings with the new Human Relations Program within this squadron.

In addition to his regular duties, Capt BLACK has also qualified as a combat flight leader Radar Intercept officer. His aggressiveness and confidence in his airmanship are ever apparent while air borne. He is often sought out by other junior officers to obtain his opinions and recommendations concerning different combat situations. During this reporting period, because of his knowledge and skillful airmanship, Capt BLACK was designated as one of the lead RIO's to first engage in air combat over North Viet Nam.

Considering this Marine's relative standing among all those I have known of the same grade, I assign a grade of 5.

JK Allright  
MAJOR USMC

REVIEWING OFFICER'S COMMENT SHEET: CASE OF CAPT. R.V. BLACK  
PERIOD COVERED FROM 720715 TO 720805

1. I CONCUR WITH THE MARKINGS AND COMMENTS OF THE REPORTING SENIOR.
2. CAPT. BLACK'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF HIS SQUADRON HAS BEEN COMMENDABLE. HIS CAPABILITY AND POISE AS A RIO ARE RESPECTED BY HIS COLLEAGUES. HIS EFFORTS IN HIS DUTIES AS GROUND PLANNER HAVE EASED CONSIDERABLY THE BURDEN OF OPERATING IN AN AUSTERE ENVIRONMENT WITH A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL, AS EVIDENCED BY A HEALTHY REENLISTMENT RATE. THIS RESPONSIBLE, ATTENTIVE OFFICER IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE EXCELLENT - OUTSTANDING GROWTH POTENTIAL.

*E. H. ...*  
*W. H. ...*

6:LEB:rgl  
1300  
31 MAY 1972

SECOND ENDORSEMENT on 1stLt BLACK's AA form of 26 Apr 1972

From: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code DPB)

Subj: Meritorious Augmentation Nomination; case of First Lieutenant  
Robert V. BLACK, Jr., 457 70 06 20/7587 USMCR

1. Held personal interview 26 May and found that Lieutenant BLACK presents a fine military appearance, is articulate and professes total dedication to a Marine Corps career.
2. Based upon his general reputation, confidence expressed by his Group Commander, and my interview, I endorse his meritorious augmentation.

  
L. E. BROWN

FILE IN CASE

1/GKW/ltb  
1300  
10 May 1972

FIRST ENDORSEMENT ON 1stLt BLACK'S AA form of 26 April 1972

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 15  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code DMB)  
Via: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Subj: Meritorious Augmentation Nomination; case of 1stLt Robert V. BLACK Jr.  
457 70 06 20/7587 USMCR

1. 1stLt BLACK is an industrious young officer well adapted to the Marine Corps way of life. He presents a soldierly appearance and has intense personal pride in his physical posture. 1stLt BLACK is enthusiastic about the Pilot-RIC concept of modern air warfare and is constantly striving to increase his knowledge and perfect his techniques. I heartily endorse his meritorious augmentation.

*K. O'Keefe*

K. O'KEEFE

FILE IN CASE



REVIEWING OFFICER'S COMMENT SHEET: CASE OF CAPT. R.V. BLACK  
PERIOD COVERED FROM 720510 TO 720715

1. I CONCUR WITH THE COMMENTS AND MARKS GIVEN BY THE REPORTING SENIOR.

2. CAPT. BEAL'S KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP AS A SQUADRON RIO HAVE BEEN AN ASSET TO THIS ORGANIZATION DURING HIS RECENT ASSIGNMENT TO COMBAT. HIS DUTIES INVOLVE LONG HOURS EXPENDED IN FLIGHT OPERATIONS; ON TOP OF THIS, HE HAS WILLINGLY DEVOTED EXTRA TIME TO ENSURE THAT THE QUALITY OF WORK PRODUCED BY HIS SECTION DID NOT SUFFER.

J. Adams  
5  
160 USMC

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET CASE OF CAPT ROBERT V. BLACK PERIOD COVERED  
 FROM 72-05-10 TO 77-07-15

He easily expresses himself and with clarity, which has been an asset in his daily communications with others. His position within this squadron has dictated several councilings with junior Marines, which he has done with tact and understanding.

Capt BLACK eagerly accepts responsibility and has assumed his present rank with no difficulties in dealing with his former contemporaries.

As a combat flight lead RIO, he has frequently demonstrated his excellent knowledge of the aircraft, its systems and its capabilities. His coolness under fire has <sup>been</sup> contagious to those junior officers possessing lower thresholds of anxiety, enabling mission accomplishment with accurate bombing results.

Considering this Marine's relative standing among all those of the same grade I have known, I assign a grade of 8.

JK Albright Jr  
 MAJOR USMC.

**OFFICER FITNESS—REPORT—U.S. MARINE CORPS (1611)**

MAYMC 10147 (REV. 6-63)  
 (SUPERSEDES 2-57 AND 4-61 EDITIONS WHICH WILL BE USED)

**SECTION A**

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Name, Grade, Service No., MOS's)

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Organization)

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\*1. NAME (Last) (First) (Middle initial) GRADE SERVICE NO.  
 BLACK, Robert V. Jr. 1stLt USMC 457 70 0620

\*2. ORGANIZATION  
 VMFA-232, MAG 15, 1stMAW, FPO San Francisco 96602 (MCC 145)

\*3. PRIMARY MOS ADDITIONAL MOS's  
 7587 None

\*4. OCCASION FOR THIS REPORT (Check appropriate box)  
 SEMIANNUAL  DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Enter unit or station to which detached, below)  CHANGE OF REPORTING SENIOR  CONCURRENT REPORT  OTHER (Explain below)

\*5. PERIOD COVERED: FROM (Day, month, year) TO (Day, month, year) MONTHS  
 1 Jan 1972 9 May 1972 16

\*6. PERIODS OF NONAVAILABILITY (30 DAYS OR MORE) (Explain)  
 None

\*7. DUTY ASSIGNMENTS DURING PERIOD COVERED: A. REGULAR (Dates, descriptive title, and duty MOS)

Career Planning Officer 9910

B. ADDITIONAL (Descriptive title and number of months)

Sqdn RIO (4) P.O. (4) Education Officer (5) TICO Officer (5)

MARKSMANSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (Lieutenants and Captains)

\*8. WIFE'S ADDRESS  
 1017 Winding Rd, College Station Texas, 77840

\*9. AGE, RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION

Son (3)

\*10. OFFICER'S PREFERENCE FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT (1st choice)

MATSG, NATTC, NAS PNCLA, FLA (MCC G-78)

(2nd choice)

MATSG NATTC, GLYNCO, GA. (MCC G-73)

(3d choice)

1stMARBRIG FMF (MCC 130)

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON

*Robert V. Black*

DATE

25 APR 72

**SECTION B (To be completed by reporting senior)**

\*11. NAME AND GRADE OF REPORTING SENIOR

J. L. GREGORCYK, LtCol

us MC

\*12. DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Commanding Officer

\*13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICER'S NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT

MATSG NATTC GLYNCO GA (MCC G-73)

\*14. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT—

- |  |                              |  |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| (a) Has the work of this officer been reported on in a commendatory way?                           | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) Has the work of this officer been reported adversely?  | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    |
| (c) Was this officer the subject of any disciplinary action that should be included on his record? | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    |

If YES in (a), (b), or (c), and a report has NOT been submitted to the CMC, attach separate statement of nature and attendant circumstances. If a report has been submitted to the CMC, reference such report below:

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\*15. A. ENTRIES ON THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON (Check appropriate box)

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DAILY CONTACT AND CLOSE OBSERVATION OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK | <input type="checkbox"/> INFREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK |
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\*15. B. TO BE COMPLETED ON ORGANIZED RESERVE OFFICERS

ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ SCHEDULED DRILLS

\* If embossed plate impression is used, do not complete Items 1, 2, and 3.



BLACK, ROBERT V JR LT - 1<sup>st</sup>

457-70-0620

DATE DATED 1 JAN 72

BY 9 MAY 72

1st Black is an amiable, soft spoken young officer. He is an intent listener but is, at times, content to be taken up into the "crowd". What he lacks in force he more than compensates for with cooperation and devotion to duty. He continually seeks responsibility and values it highly when given. His loyalty is unquestionable, and his ideals are those of a dedicated American citizen.

As the career planning and education officer, 1st Black requires minimal supervision while producing excellent results. The work he originates is habitually administratively correct and properly phrased.

1st Black is a RIO section leader and has proven to be a valuable crewmember during combat flight operations in the RVN.

1st Black's growth potential is excellent and he is submitting an application for augmentation into the regular establishment.

J. H. [Signature]  
1st Col USMC

**OFFICER FITNESS—REPORT—U.S. MARINE CORPS (1611)**

MAYMC 10147 (REV. 6-63)  
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**SECTION A**

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Name, Grade, Service No., MOS's)

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Organization)

\*1. NAME (Last) (First) (Middle initial) GRADE SERVICE NO.  
 BLACK Robert V. Jr. 1stLt USMC-R 457 70 0620

\*2. ORGANIZATION  
 VMFA-232, MAG-15, 1stMAW, FPO San Francisco 96602 (MCC 145)

\*3. PRIMARY MOS ADDITIONAL MOS's  
 7587 None

4. OCCASION FOR THIS REPORT (Check appropriate box)  
 SEMIANNUAL  DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Enter unit or station to which detached, below)  CHANGE OF REPORTING SENIOR  CONCURRENT REPORT  OTHER (Explain below)

5. PERIOD COVERED: FROM (Day, month, year) TO (Day, month, year) MONTHS  
 21 November 1971 11 Jan 1972 26 April 1972 5 Special

6. PERIODS OF NONAVAILABILITY (30 DAYS OR MORE) (Explain)  
 None

7. DUTY ASSIGNMENTS DURING PERIOD COVERED: A. REGULAR (Dates, descriptive title, and duty MOS)

Career Planning Officer, 9910

B. ADDITIONAL (Descriptive title and number of months)  
 Sqn RLO, 5 mos TICO Officer, 4 mos  
 Education, 4 mos

MARKSMANSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (Lieutenants and Captains)

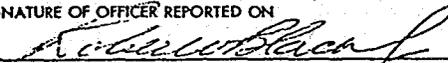
8. WIFE'S ADDRESS  
 1017 Winding Rd., College Station, Texas 77840

9. AGE, RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION

Son, 2

10. OFFICER'S PREFERENCE FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT (1st choice)  
 MATSG NATC Pensacola, Fla. (MCC G78)

(2nd choice) (3rd choice)  
 MATSG NATC Glymco, Ga. (MCC G73) 2DMAW (MCC 142)

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON DATE  
 26 Apr 72

**SECTION B (To be completed by reporting senior)**

11. NAME AND GRADE OF REPORTING SENIOR 12. DUTY ASSIGNMENT  
 J. L. GREGORCYK, LtCol us MC Commanding Officer, VMFA-232, MAG-15, 1stMAW

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICER'S NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT  
 MATSG NATC PENSACOLA, FLORIDA (MCC G78)

14. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT— YES NO  
 (a) Has the work of this officer been reported on in a commendatory way?  YES  NO  
 (b) Has the work of this officer been reported adversely?  YES  NO  
 (c) Was this officer the subject of any disciplinary action that should be included on his record?  YES  NO  
 If YES in (a), (b), or (c), and a report has NOT been submitted to the CMC, attach separate statement of nature and attendant circumstances. If a report has been submitted to the CMC, reference such report below:

15. A. ENTRIES ON THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON (Check appropriate box) 15. B. TO BE COMPLETED ON ORGANIZED RESERVE OFFICERS  
 DAILY CONTACT AND CLOSE OBSERVATION OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK  FREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK  INFREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ SCHEDULED DRILLS

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**SECTION C (To be completed in pen and ink by reporting senior)**

Considering the officer reported on in comparison with all other officers of the same grade whose professional abilities are known to you personally, indicate your estimate of this officer by marking "X" in the appropriate spaces below.

PERFORMANCE OF DUTY (Based on fact)	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
(a) REGULAR DUTIES						X	
(b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES						X	
(c) ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES						X	
(d) HANDLING OFFICERS	X						
(e) HANDLING ENLISTED PERSONNEL						X	
(f) TRAINING PERSONNEL	X						
(g) TACTICAL HANDLING OF TROOPS (Unit appropriate to officer's grade)						X	

**17. TO WHAT DEGREE HAS HE EXHIBITED THE FOLLOWING?**

(a) ENDURANCE (Physical and mental ability for carrying on under fatiguing conditions)	X						
(b) PERSONAL APPEARANCE (The trait of habitually appearing neat, smart, and well-groomed in uniform or civilian attire)						X	
(c) MILITARY PRESENCE (The quality of maintaining appropriate dignity and soldierly bearing)						X	
(d) ATTENTION TO DUTY (Industry; the trait of working thoroughly and conscientiously)						X	
(e) COOPERATION (The faculty of working in harmony with others, military and civilian)							X
(f) INITIATIVE (The trait of taking necessary or appropriate action on own responsibility)					X		
(g) JUDGMENT (The ability to think clearly and arrive at logical conclusions)						X	
(h) PRESENCE OF MIND (The ability to think and act promptly and effectively in an unexpected emergency or under great strain)	X						
(i) FORCE (The faculty of carrying out with energy and resolution that which is believed to be reasonable, right or duty)						X	
(j) LEADERSHIP (The capacity to direct, control, and influence others and still maintain high morale)						X	
(k) LOYALTY (The quality of rendering faithful and willing service, and unswerving allegiance under any and all circumstances)							X
(l) PERSONAL RELATIONS (Faculty for establishing and maintaining cordial relations with military and civilian associates)						X	
(m) ECONOMY IN MANAGEMENT (Effective utilization of men, money and materials)	X						

**18. Considering the possible requirements of service in war, indicate your attitude toward having this officer under your command.**

Would you...  NOT OBSERVED  PREFER NOT TO HAVE?  BE WILLING TO HAVE?  BE GLAD TO HAVE?  PARTICULARLY DESIRE TO HAVE?

(a) Indicate your estimate of this officer's "General Value to the Service" by marking "X" in the appropriate box:

NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

(b) Show distribution of all Item 19. (a) markings awarded officers of his grade for this reporting occasion:

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**SECTION D (To be completed by reporting senior in pen and ink.)** Record in this space a concise appraisal of the professional character of the officer reported on. (This space must not be left blank.)

*See attached Supplemental Sheet*

**SECTION E (To be completed by the reporting senior)**

I CERTIFY that to the best of my knowledge and belief all entries made hereon are true and without prejudice or partiality.

*Have counseled this officer concerning his overall performance of duty*

*[Signature]* *3 MAY 72*  
 (Signature of reporting senior) (Date)

**SECTION F (To be completed when required)** (Check One)

I have seen this completed report.  I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE  I HAVE ATTACHED A STATEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of officer reported on) (Date)

**SECTION G (To be completed by reviewing officer)**

NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER K. O'KEEFE GRADE Col US LIC

DUTY ASSIGNMENT Commanding Officer, MAG-15 INITIALS KO

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET CASE OF -Black, RV Jr 457-70-0626 PERIOD COVERED  
FROM 21 NOV 71 TO 26 APR 72

During <sup>the</sup> reporting period this squadron has accomplished two major deployments. One a training deployment of six weeks duration, and the other from garrison to combat where the squadron is presently committed. Lt Black profited immeasurably from the training deployment and has shown himself to be a definite asset as an aircrewman in combat air operations. He is developing rapidly and displays those traits necessary in an element leader and should soon earn the designation of RIO section leader.

Lt Black is applying for meritorious augmentation into the regular establishment and in my opinion he is a prime candidate for assimilation. He is an intelligent, competent young officer in every respect. He has made his decision to apply for augmentation as a result of careful thought spanning a long period of time and based on a variety of situations. He was exposed to combat in the initial phases of this squadron's commitment and was exposed to the privations and dangers attendant to such operations. This exposure did not deter his desire but rather gave him a more complete picture of the full meaning of a military career.

FILE IN CASE

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET CASE OF -BLACK, RVJR 457-70.0620 PERIOD COVERED  
FROM 21 NOV 71 TO 26 APR 72

It Black is sincere in his desire to become a regular marine officer and with the experience to be gained through continued service, challenging situations and assignments, and proper guidance he will be a credit to the Corps. He possesses excellent growth potential and thrives on demanding assignments, and is capable of accepting positions of broader scope and increased responsibilities. It Black is wholeheartedly endorsed for augmentation.

G. J. Hucopaf  
LT COL USMC

FILE IN CASE

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NAVMC 10147 (REV. 6-63)  
 (SUPERSEDES 2-57 AND 4-61 EDITIONS WHICH WILL BE USED)

SECTION A

SSAN: 457 70 0620

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Name, Grade, Service No., MOS's)

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Organization)

\*1. NAME (Last) (First) (Middle initial) GRADE SERVICE NO.  
 BLACK Robert V. Jr 1stLt USMC R 010 82 40

\*2. ORGANIZATION  
 VMFA-232, MAG-15, 1stMAW, FPO San Francisco 96602 (MCC 145)

\*3. PRIMARY MOS ADDITIONAL MOS's  
 7587 NONE

4. OCCASION FOR THIS REPORT (Check appropriate box)  
 SEMIANNUAL  DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Enter unit or station to which detached, below)  CHANGE OF REPORTING SENIOR  CONCURRENT REPORT  OTHER (Explain below)

5. PERIOD COVERED: FROM (Day, month, year) TO (Day, month, year) MONTHS  
 18 November 1971 31 December 1971 1

6. PERIODS OF NONAVAILABILITY (30 DAYS OR MORE) (Explain)  
 NONE

7. DUTY ASSIGNMENTS DURING PERIOD COVERED. A. REGULAR (Dates, descriptive title, and duty MOS)  
 Squadron RIO, 7587

B. ADDITIONAL (Descriptive title and number of months) MARKSMANSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (Lieutenants and Captains)  
 Assistant Intelligence Officer, 1 P-EX

8. WIFE'S ADDRESS  
 1017 Winding Road College Station, Texas 77840

9. AGE, RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION  
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10. OFFICER'S PREFERENCE FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT (1st choice)  
 NABTC NAS Pensacola, Florida (MCC G78)  
 (2nd choice) (3rd choice)  
 NATTC NAS Glynco, Ga. (MCC G73) 2ndMAW MCAS Beaufort, S.C. (MCC 142)

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON DATE  
 10 Dec 71

SECTION B (To be completed by reporting senior)

11. NAME AND GRADE OF REPORTING SENIOR 12. DUTY ASSIGNMENT  
 J. L. GREGORCYK, LtCol us MC Commanding Officer

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICER'S NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT

14. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT— YES NO  
 (a) Has the work of this officer been reported on in a commendatory way?    
 (b) Has the work of this officer been reported adversely?    
 (c) Was this officer the subject of any disciplinary action that should be included on his record?    
 If YES in (a), (b), or (c), and a report has NOT been submitted to the CMC, attach separate statement of nature and attendant circumstances. If a report has been submitted to the CMC, reference such report below.

20 JAN 1972

15. A. ENTRIES ON THIS REPORT BY MOS (Check appropriate box) 15. B. TO BE COMPLETED ON ORGANIZED RESERVE OFFICERS  
 DAILY CONTACT AND CLOSE OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK  INFREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK ATTENDED OF SCHEDULED DRILLS

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**SECTION C (To be completed in pen and ink by reporting senior)**

Considering the officer reported on in comparison with all other officers of the same grade whose professional abilities are known to you, personally, indicate your estimate of this officer by marking "X" in the appropriate spaces below.

PERFORMANCE OF DUTY (Based on fact)	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
REGULAR DUTIES							
(b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES							
(c) ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES							
(d) HANDLING OFFICERS							
(e) HANDLING ENLISTED PERSONNEL							
(f) TRAINING PERSONNEL							
(g) TACTICAL HANDLING OF TROOPS (Unit appropriate to officer's grade)							

**17. TO WHAT DEGREE HAS HE EXHIBITED THE FOLLOWING?**

(a) ENDURANCE (Physical and mental ability for carrying on under fatiguing conditions)							
(b) PERSONAL APPEARANCE (The trait of habitually appearing neat, smart, and well-groomed in uniform or civilian attire)							
(c) MILITARY PRESENCE (The quality of maintaining appropriate dignity and soldierly bearing)							
(d) ATTENTION TO DUTY (Industry; the trait of working thoroughly and conscientiously)							
(e) COOPERATION (The faculty of working in harmony with others, military and civilian)							
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(h) PRESENCE OF MIND (The ability to think and act promptly and effectively in an unexpected emergency or under great strain)							
(i) FORCE (The faculty of carrying out with energy and resolution that which is believed to be reasonable, right or duty)							
(j) LEADERSHIP (The capacity to direct, control, and influence others and still maintain high morale)							
(k) LOYALTY (The quality of rendering faithful and willing service, and unswerving allegiance under any and all circumstances)							
(l) PERSONAL RELATIONS (Faculty for establishing and maintaining cordial relations with military and civilian associates)							
(m) ECONOMY IN MANAGEMENT (Effective utilization of men, money and materials)							

**18. Considering the possible requirements of service in war, indicate your attitude toward having this officer under your command.**

Would you:  NOT OBSERVED  PREFER NOT TO HAVE?  BE WILLING TO HAVE?  BE GLAD TO HAVE?  PARTICULARLY DESIRE TO HAVE?

(a) Indicate your estimate of this officer's "General Value to the Service" by marking "X" in the appropriate box:

NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

(b) Show distribution of all Item 19. (a) markings awarded officers of his grade for this reporting occasion:

6 4 3 6 3 4

**SECTION D (To be completed by reporting senior in pen and ink.) Record in this space a concise appraisal of the professional character of the officer reported on. (This space must not be left blank.)**

*See attached supplemental sheet*

**SECTION E (To be completed by the reporting senior)**

I CERTIFY that to the best of my knowledge and belief all entries made hereon are true and without prejudice or partiality.

*I have counseled this officer concerning his overall performance of duty*

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of reporting senior)

*4/28/72*  
(Date)

**SECTION F (To be completed when required)** (Check One)

I have seen this completed report.  I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE  I HAVE ATTACHED A STATEMENT

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of officer reported on)

*[Date]*  
(Date)

**SECTION G (To be completed by reviewing officer)**

NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER: K. O'KEEFE GRADE: Col US MC

DUTY ASSIGNMENT: Commanding Officer, MAG-15 INITIALS: KO

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT **BLACK ROBERT VOR** 1/15  
PAGE

0108240/457700620 PERIOD COVERED 18 NOV 71 TO 31 DEC 71

1 217  
1/15 Black joined this command on 21 November during an extended deployment away from home base. He physically reported during December and was not assigned duties until 20 December.

The above facts are justification, I feel, for a not observed semi annual fitness report.

Theresa  
Wor USMC

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# OFFICER FITNESS REPORT—U.S. MARINE CORPS

MAYMC 10147-PD (REV. 6-63)  
(SUPERSEDES 2-57 AND 4-61 EDITIONS WHICH WILL BE USED)

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## SECTION A

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Name, Grade, Service No., MOS's)

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Organization)

\*1. NAME (Last) (First) (Middle initial) GRADE SERVICE NO.  
BLACK, Robert V. Jr. 1stLt USMC R 010 82 40

\*2. ORGANIZATION  
VMFA-212, MAG-24, 1stMarBde, FMF, FPO, SFRAN 96602 MCC 130

\*3. PRIMARY MOS ADDITIONAL MOS's  
7587 0000

4. OCCASION FOR THIS REPORT (Check appropriate box)  
 SEMIANNUAL  DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Enter unit or station to which detached, below)  CHANGE OF REPORTING SENIOR  CONCURRENT REPORT  OTHER (Explain below)

MCC 145 1stMAW

5. PERIOD COVERED: FROM (Day, month, year) TO (Day, month, year) MONTHS  
26 Jun 71 17 Nov 71 5

6. PERIODS OF NONAVAILABILITY (30 DAYS OR MORE) (Explain)  
None

7. DUTY ASSIGNMENTS DURING PERIOD COVERED: A. REGULAR (Dates, descriptive title, and duty MOS)

SqdnRIO; 7587

B. ADDITIONAL (Descriptive title and number of months)  
PAO(5), EdO(5), RptContO(5), AltCustS&CFiles(5)

MARKSMANSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (Lieutenants and Captains)  
N/A

8. WIFE'S ADDRESS  
1017 Winding Rd., College Station, Texas 77240

9. AGE, RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION  
2, Son

10. OFFICER'S PREFERENCE FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT (1st choice)

MAD NATTC PNSCLA (G78)

(2nd choice)

MAD NATTC GLYNCO (G73)

(3d choice)

MCAS Kaneohe (091)

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON

DATE

11-10-71

## SECTION B (To be completed by reporting senior)

11. NAME AND GRADE OF REPORTING SENIOR

R. D. REVIE, LTCOL

usMC

12. DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Commanding Officer  
VMFA-212

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICER'S NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT

NATTC Glymco

14. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT—

(a) Has the work of this officer been reported on in a commendatory way? YES  NO

(b) Has the work of this officer been reported adversely? YES  NO

(c) Was this officer the subject of any disciplinary action that should be included on his record? YES  NO

If YES in (a), (b), or (c), and a report has NOT been submitted to the CMC, attach separate statement of nature and attendant circumstances. If a report has been submitted to the CMC, reference such report below:

10 JAN 1972

15. A. ENTRIES ON THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON (Check appropriate box)

FREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK

INFREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK

15. B. TO BE COMPLETED ON ORGANIZED RESERVE OFFICERS

ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ SCHEDULED DRILLS

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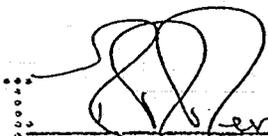
OFFICER'S FITNESS REPORT



## SECTION "D" CONTINUED (FITNESS REPORT)

NAME Black Robert V RANK 1/Lt SERV NO 010 82 40  
 PERIOD OF REPORT 26 June 71 TO 17 Nov 71

Lt Black is a resourceful officer who possesses a strong desire to excel in all endeavors and as a result produces positive results. A quiet man with an unassuming personality he remains a capable administrative assistant and able leader whose professionalism has earned him the respect of all those with whom he works. Not an individual to accept a static situation, he has taken steps through self duty sources to improve his formal education and thus increase his general value to the Marine Corps. As a squadron RIO he has demonstrated exceptional knowledge and proficiency of the complicated F4I radar system. He willingly devotes extra hours to both his regular military duties but also to many self station squadron projects. He is a perceptive and eager officer who is considered to be an asset in any capacity and is thought to have excellent growth potential.

DATE 30 Nov 71
  
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING SENIOR
PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES

# OFFICER FITNESS—REPORT—U.S. MARINE CORPS (1611)

NAVMC 10147 (REV. 6-63)  
(SUPERSEDES 2-57 AND 4-61 EDITIONS WHICH WILL BE USED)

## SECTION A

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Name, Grade, Service No., MOS's)

BLACK, ROBERT V. JR      C 1STLT  
010-82-40 457-70-06-20 7587/000

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Organization)

VMFA TWO ONE TWO      RUC 01212  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP TWO FOUR  
FIVE      MARINE BRIGADE FMF  
FPO. SAN FRANCISCO 96602 MCC 130

\*1. NAME (Last) (First) (Middle initial) GRADE SERVICE NO.  
USMC

\*2. ORGANIZATION

\*3. PRIMARY MOS

ADDITIONAL MOS's

4. OCCASION FOR THIS REPORT (Check appropriate box)

SEMIANNUAL     DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Enter unit or station to which detached, below)     CHANGE OF REPORTING SENIOR     CONCURRENT REPORT     OTHER (Explain below)

5. PERIOD COVERED: FROM (Day, month, year) TO (Day, month, year) MONTHS

1 Jan 71      25 Jun 71      6

6. PERIODS OF NONAVAILABILITY (30 DAYS OR MORE) (Explain)

None

7. DUTY ASSIGNMENTS DURING PERIOD COVERED: A. REGULAR (Dates, descriptive title, and duty MOS)

SqdnR10; 7587

B. ADDITIONAL (Descriptive title and number of months)

MARKSMANSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (Lieutenants and Captains)

PAO(6), EdO(6), RptContO(6), AltCustS&CFiles(6), AwardsO(3)

N/A

8. WIFE'S ADDRESS

1705 Lawrence Rd., KMCAS FPO SFRAN 96615

9. AGE, RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION

2 Son

10. OFFICER'S PREFERENCE FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT (1st choice)

MAD NATTC PNSCLA (G78)

(2nd choice)

(3rd choice)

MAD NATTC GLYNCO (G73)

MCAS Kaneohe (091)

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON

DATE

*Robert V. Black*

21 June 71

## SECTION B (To be completed by reporting senior)

11. NAME AND GRADE OF REPORTING SENIOR

12. DUTY ASSIGNMENT

J. W. MOORE, LTCOL

us MC

Commanding Officer  
VMFA-212

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICER'S NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT

1st or 2nd choice

14. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT—

YES NO

(a) Has the work of this officer been reported on in a commendatory way?  YES  NO

(b) Has the work of this officer been reported adversely?  YES  NO

(c) Was this officer the subject of any disciplinary action that should be included on his record?  YES  NO

If YES in (a), (b); or (c), and a report has NOT been submitted to the CMG, attach separate statement of nature and attendant circumstances. If a report has been submitted to the CMG, reference such report below:

16 JUL 1971

15. A. ENTIRE CONTENT OF THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON:

ONLY CONTACT AND CLOSE OBSERVATION OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK     FREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK     INFREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK

15. B. TO BE COMPLETED ON ORGANIZED RESERVE OFFICERS

ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ SCHEDULED DRILLS

\* If embossed plate impression is used, do not complete Items 1, 2, and 3.

**SECTION C** (To be completed in pen and ink by reporting senior)

Considering the officer reported on in comparison with all other officers of the same grade whose professional abilities are known to you personally, indicate your estimate of this officer by marking "X" in the appropriate spaces below:

**PERFORMANCE OF DUTY** (Based on fact)

	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
(a) REGULAR DUTIES						X	
(b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES					X		
(c) ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES					X		
(d) HANDLING OFFICERS						X	
(e) HANDLING ENLISTED PERSONNEL						X	
(f) TRAINING PERSONNEL						X	
(g) TACTICAL HANDLING OF TROOPS (Unit appropriate to officer's grade)							X

DIVISION LEADER

**17. TO WHAT DEGREE HAS HE EXHIBITED THE FOLLOWING?**

	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
(a) ENDURANCE (Physical and mental ability for carrying on under fatiguing conditions)	X						
(b) PERSONAL APPEARANCE (The trait of habitually appearing neat, smart, and well-groomed in uniform or civilian attire)						X	
(c) MILITARY PRESENCE (The quality of maintaining appropriate dignity and soldierly bearing)						X	
(d) ATTENTION TO DUTY (Industry; the trait of working thoroughly and conscientiously)						X	
(e) COOPERATION (The faculty of working in harmony with others, military and civilian)						X	
(f) INITIATIVE (The trait of taking necessary or appropriate action on own responsibility)					X		
(g) JUDGMENT (The ability to think clearly and arrive at logical conclusions)						X	
(h) PRESENCE OF MIND (The ability to think and act promptly and effectively in an unexpected emergency or under great strain)	X						
(i) FORCE (The faculty of carrying out with energy and resolution that which is believed to be reasonable, right or duty)						X	
(j) LEADERSHIP (The capacity to direct, control, and influence others and still maintain high morale)					X		
(k) LOYALTY (The quality of rendering faithful and willing service, and unwavering allegiance under any and all circumstances)							X
(l) PERSONAL RELATIONS (Faculty for establishing and maintaining cordial relations with military and civilian associates)						X	
(m) ECONOMY IN MANAGEMENT (Effective utilization of men, money and materials)						X	

**18. Considering the possible requirements of service in war, indicate your attitude toward having this officer under your command.**

Would you—  NOT OBSERVED  PREFER NOT TO HAVE?  BE WILLING TO HAVE?  BE GLAD TO HAVE?  PARTICULARLY DESIRE TO HAVE?

(a) Indicate your estimate of this officer's "General Value to the Service" by marking "X" in the appropriate box:

NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

(b) Show distribution of all Item 19. (a) markings awarded officers of his grade for this reporting occasion:

3 6 7 4 4

**SECTION D** (To be completed by reporting senior in pen and ink.) Record in this space a concise appraisal of the professional character of the officer reported on. (This space must not be left blank.)

See attached sheets

**SECTION E** (To be completed by the reporting senior)

I CERTIFY that to the best of my knowledge and belief all entries made hereon are true and without prejudice or partiality.

I have counseled this officer on his overall performance of duty.  
 J.W. Moore (Signature of reporting senior) 25 June 71 (Date)

**SECTION F** (To be completed when required)

(Check One)  
 I have seen this completed report.  I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE  
 I HAVE ATTACHED A STATEMENT

(Signature of officer reported on) (Date)

**SECTION G** (To be completed by reviewing officer)

NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER RICHARD E. CAREY GRADE Colonel US MC  
 DUTY ASSIGNMENT Commanding Officer, MAG 24, 1stMarBde FMF INITIALS [Signature]

## SECTION "D" CONTINUED (FITNESS REPORT)

NAME BLACK, R.V. RANK 1LT. SER NO 0108240  
 PERIOD OF REPORT 1 JAN 71 TO 25 JUN 71

1LT. Black is a willing, dependable worker, and courteous officer, who once assigned a task will apply himself to complete it in a satisfactory manner. He is a reliable, straight-forward, and honest individual, who is eager to learn and gain an understanding of administrative procedures.

1LT. Black is an eager and enthusiastic Naval Flight officer, who has constantly led his contemporaries in flight time month after month. He has applied himself vigorously to his flying duties and has completed the F-4 training syllabus in minimum time. He is confident of his ability in the air and is a designated Post Maintenance Check NFO and Division Leader, who is considered fully combat qualified in the F-4's weapon systems.

1LT Black is a stable and determined officer,

DATE 26 June 71

JW Moore  
 (Signature of Reporting Senior)

SECTION 4D: CONTINUED (FITNESS REPORT)

NAME BLACK, R.V. RANK 1/67 SER NO 0108240

PERIOD OF REPORT 1 JAN 71 TO 25 JUNE 71

who is eager to obtain additional responsibility and is considered to possess above average growth potential.

DATE 26 June 71

JW Moore  
(Signature of Reporting Senior)

**OFFICER FITNESS—REPORT—U.S. MARINE CORPS (1611)**

NAVMC 10147 (REV. 6-63)  
 (SUPERSEDES 2-57 AND 4-61 EDITIONS WHICH WILL BE USED)

**SECTION A**

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Name, Grade, Service No., MOS's)

BLACK, ROBERT V. JR                      C 1STLT  
 010-00-10    437-70-06-30    7561/000

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Organization)

VMFA TWO ONE TWO                      RUC 01212  
 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP TWO FOUR  
 FIRST MARINE BRIGADE FMF  
 FPO, SAN FRANCISCO 96602 MCC 130

\*1. NAME (Last) (First) (Middle initial) GRADE USMC SERVICE NO.

\*2. ORGANIZATION

\*3. PRIMARY MOS ADDITIONAL MOS's

4. OCCASION FOR THIS REPORT (Check appropriate box)

SEMIANNUAL     DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Enter unit or station to which detached, below)     CHANGE OF REPORTING SENIOR     CONCURRENT REPORT     OTHER (Explain below)

5. PERIOD COVERED: FROM (Day, month, year) TO (Day, month, year) MONTHS  
 25 Jul 70                      31 Dec 70                      -5-

6. PERIODS OF NONAVAILABILITY (30 DAYS OR MORE) (Explain)  
 None

7. DUTY ASSIGNMENTS DURING PERIOD COVERED: A. REGULAR (Dates, descriptive title, and duty MOS)

Sqdn RIO 7587

B. ADDITIONAL (Descriptive title and number of months)

Claims 0 5; Reports Control 0 5  
 Awards 0 5; Alternate S&CO 5; EdO 5; Personal Affairs 0 5;

MARKSMANSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (Lieutenants and Captains)  
 R-NR/P-EX

8. WIFE'S ADDRESS

1723 Lawrence Rd KMCAS FPO SFRA 96615

9. AGE, RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION

1, son

10. OFFICER'S PREFERENCE FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT (1st choice)

MAD NATTC NAS Pensacola (373)

(2nd choice)

MAD NATTC Glynco (373)

(3d choice)

KCAS Kaneohe (091)

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON

*Robert V. Black*

DATE

11 DEC 70

**SECTION B (To be completed by reporting senior)**

11. NAME AND GRADE OF REPORTING SENIOR

J W MOORE LtCol

US MC

12. DUTY ASSIGNMENT

CO VMFA-212

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICER'S NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT

*FMF Duty*

14. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT—

(a) Has the work of this officer been reported on in a commendatory way?    YES  NO   
 (b) Has the work of this officer been reported adversely?    YES  NO   
 (c) Was this officer the subject of any disciplinary action that should be included on his record?    YES  NO

If YES in (a), (b), or (c), and a report has NOT been submitted to the CMC, attach separate statement of nature and attendant circumstances. If a report has been submitted to the CMC, reference such report below:

26 JAN 1971

15. A. ENTRIES ON THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON (Check appropriate box)

DAILY CONTACT AND CLOSE OBSERVATION OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK     FREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK     INFREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK

15. B. TO BE COMPLETED ON ORGANIZED RESERVE OFFICERS

ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ SCHEDULED DRILLS

\* If embossed plate impression is used, do not complete Items 1, 2, and 3.

SECTION C (To be completed in pen and ink by reporting senior)

Considering the officer reported on in comparison with all other officers of the same grade whose professional abilities are known to you personally, indicate your estimate of this officer by marking "X" in the appropriate spaces below.

PERFORMANCE OF DUTY (Based on fact)	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
(a) REGULAR DUTIES						X	
(b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES						X	
(c) ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES					X		
(d) HANDLING OFFICERS					X		
(e) HANDLING ENLISTED PERSONNEL						X	
(f) TRAINING PERSONNEL						X	
(g) TACTICAL HANDLING OF TROOPS (Unit appropriate to officer's grade) <i>Section Leader</i>						X	

17. TO WHAT DEGREE HAS HE EXHIBITED THE FOLLOWING?

(a) ENDURANCE (Physical and mental ability for carrying on under fatiguing conditions)	X						
(b) PERSONAL APPEARANCE (The trait of habitually appearing neat, smart, and well-groomed in uniform or civilian attire)					X		
(c) MILITARY PRESENCE (The quality of maintaining appropriate dignity and soldierly bearing)						X	
(d) ATTENTION TO DUTY (Industry; the trait of working thoroughly and conscientiously)					X		
(e) COOPERATION (The faculty of working in harmony with others, military and civilian)						X	
(f) INITIATIVE (The trait of taking necessary or appropriate action on own responsibility)					X		
(g) JUDGMENT (The ability to think clearly and arrive at logical conclusions)						X	
(h) PRESENCE OF MIND (The ability to think and act promptly and effectively in an unexpected emergency or under great strain)	X						
(i) FORCE (The faculty of carrying out with energy and resolution that which is believed to be reasonable, right or duty)						X	
(j) LEADERSHIP (The capacity to direct, control, and influence others and still maintain high morale)					X		
(k) LOYALTY (The quality of rendering faithful and willing service, and unswerving allegiance under any and all circumstances)							X
(l) PERSONAL RELATIONS (Faculty for establishing and maintaining cordial relations with military and civilian associates)					X		
(m) ECONOMY IN MANAGEMENT (Effective utilization of men, money and materials)							X

18. Considering the possible requirements of service in war, indicate your attitude toward having this officer under your command.

Would you—  NOT OBSERVED  PREFER NOT TO HAVE?  BE WILLING TO HAVE?  BE GLAD TO HAVE?  PARTICULARLY DESIRE TO HAVE?

(a) Indicate your estimate of this officer's "General Value to the Service" by marking "X" in the appropriate box:

NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(b) Show distribution of all Item 19. (a) markings awarded officers of his grade for this reporting occasion:

				2	3	6	10	3	4
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SECTION D (To be completed by reporting senior in pen and ink.) Record in this space a concise appraisal of the professional character of the officer reported on. (This space must not be left blank.)

*See attached sheet*

SECTION E (To be completed by the reporting senior)

I CERTIFY that to the best of my knowledge and belief all entries made hereon are true and without prejudice or partiality.  
*I have counseled this officer concerning his overall performance of duty.*  
*Jacob W. Moore*  
 (Signature of reporting senior) *17 Jan 71*  
 (Date)

SECTION F (To be completed when required)

(Check One)  
 I have seen this completed report.  I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE  
 I HAVE ATTACHED A STATEMENT  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of officer reported on) (Date)

SECTION G (To be completed by reviewing officer)

NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER KENNY C PALMER GRADE Col US 1C  
 DUTY ASSIGNMENT CO MAG-24 INITIALS KCP

SECTION "D" CONTINUED (FITNESS REPORT)

NAME BLACK, R.V. RANK 1/LT SERV NO 010 82 400

PERIOD OF REPORT 25 Jul 70 TO 31 Dec 70

It Black is a quiet, well-mannered officer, who willingly accepts responsibility and completes assigned tasks in an acceptable manner. He is a constant worker and prefers to research each unfamiliar job rather than ask for advice from superiors or rely on the experience of others. He is a dependable and persistent individual; who applies himself to each assignment and is eager to develop into a well rounded individual. He is thinking of a military career and has the ability to be an asset to the Marine Corps.

It Black is confident of his ability as a Naval flight officer and has demonstrated a mature attitude toward his flying duties. He is constantly volunteering for extra flights and has a keen appreciation of air discipline.

He has shown a desire to increase his technical knowledge and broaden his knowledge of Marine Corps matters. He has the ability to grow with each assignment of increased responsibility and has shown above average growth potential.

DATE 7 Jan 71

J.W. Moore  
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING SENIOR

*P*

# OFFICER FITNESS—REPORT—U.S. MARINE CORPS (1611)

NAVMC 10147 (REV. 6-83)  
(SUPERSEDES 2-57 AND 4-61 EDITIONS WHICH WILL BE USED)

## SECTION A

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Name, Grade, Service No., MOS's)	EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Organization)
BLACK, ROBERT V. JR 010-82-40 457-70-06-20 7581/000	VMFA TWO ONE TWO RUC 01212 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP TWO FOUR FIRST MARINE BRIGADE FMF FPO, SAN FRANCISCO 96602 MCC 130

*1. NAME (Last)	(First)	(Middle initial)	GRADE	SERVICE NO.
			USMC	

\*2. ORGANIZATION

\*3. PRIMARY MOS

ADDITIONAL MOS'S

4. OCCASION FOR THIS REPORT (Check appropriate box)

SEMIANNUAL  DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Enter unit or station to which detached, below)  CHANGE OF REPORTING SENIOR  CONCURRENT REPORT  OTHER (Explain below)

5. PERIOD COVERED: FROM (Day, month, year) TO (Day, month, year) MONTHS

17Oct69 24Jul70 -9-

6. PERIODS OF NONAVAILABILITY (30 DAYS OR MORE) (Explain)

17Oct69-17Mar70 Proceed, Delay, Travel, enroute Hawaii and TAD

7. DUTY ASSIGNMENTS DURING PERIOD COVERED: A. REGULAR (Dates, descriptive title, and duty MOS)

18Mar-24Jul70 Sqdn RIO 7587

B. ADDITIONAL (Descriptive title and number of months)	MARKSMANSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (Lieutenants and Captains)
Ed&TestControl0 -3- Awards0 -3- ReportsControl0 -3- AltCustS&CFiles -3- PersAffairs0 -3- Claims0 -3-	N/A

8. WIFE'S ADDRESS

41-981 Kalaianaole Hwy, Waimonalo, Hi. 96795

9. AGE, RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION

8 months, son

10. OFFICER'S PREFERENCE FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT (1st choice)

NAATC Pensacola (G-78)

(2nd choice) MCAS Kaneohe (091) (3rd choice) NATTC Glynco (G-73)

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON

*Robert V. Black*

DATE 21 JULY 70

## SECTION B (To be completed by reporting senior)

11. NAME AND GRADE OF REPORTING SENIOR	12. DUTY ASSIGNMENT
H. H. ZIEGLER JR. LtCol us MCR	CO VMFA-212

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICER'S NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT

*FMF Actg*

14. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT—

(a) Has the work of this officer been reported on in a commendatory way?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If YES in (a), (b), or (c), and a report has NOT been submitted to the CMC, attach separate statement of nature and attendant circumstances. If a report has been submitted to the CMC, reference such report below:
(b) Has the work of this officer been reported adversely?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(c) Was this officer the subject of any disciplinary action that should be included on his record?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

17 AUG 1970

15. A. ENTRIES ON THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON (Check appropriate box)

DAILY CONTACT AND CLOSE OBSERVATION OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK  FREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK  INFREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK

15. B. TO BE COMPLETED ON ORGANIZED RESERVE OFFICERS

ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ SCHEDULED DRILLS

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## SECTION "D" CONTINUED (FITNESS REPORT)

NAME BRACK, ROBERT V GRADE 1ST LT SERV NO 010-82-40PERIOD OF REPORT 17 OCTOBER 1970 TO 24 JULY 1970

of general administrative procedures.

Because of the time required for his regular duties as an STG on his own initiative works many off-duty hours on his additional duties.

He is a cautious officer whose personal appearance is excellent. He has a positive attitude toward his flying duties and has displayed a desire to excel in the air. To date he has progressed normally through his checkout in the F-45 and has demonstrated the ability to grasp instructions rapidly.

He is an aggressive young officer who should grow in value with each new assignment and is considered to possess excellent growth potential.

DATE

24 July 70
  
 (SIGNATURE OF REPORTING SENIOR)

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**SECTION C** (To be completed in pen and ink by reporting senior)

Considering the officer reported on in comparison with all other officers of the same grade whose professional abilities are known to you personally, indicate your estimate of this officer by marking "X" in the appropriate spaces below.

**16. PERFORMANCE OF DUTY (Based on fact)**

	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
REGULAR DUTIES	X						
(b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES							
(c) ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES							
(d) HANDLING OFFICERS							
(e) HANDLING ENLISTED PERSONNEL							
(f) TRAINING PERSONNEL							
(g) TACTICAL HANDLING OF TROOPS (Unit appropriate to officer's grade)							

**17. TO WHAT DEGREE HAS HE EXHIBITED THE FOLLOWING?**

	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
(a) ENDURANCE (Physical and mental ability for carrying on under fatiguing conditions)	X						
(b) PERSONAL APPEARANCE (The trait of habitually appearing neat, smart, and well-groomed in uniform or civilian attire)							
(c) MILITARY PRESENCE (The quality of maintaining appropriate dignity and soldierly bearing)							X
(d) ATTENTION TO DUTY (Industry; the trait of working thoroughly and conscientiously)							X
(e) COOPERATION (The faculty of working in harmony with others, military and civilian)							X
(f) INITIATIVE (The trait of taking necessary or appropriate action on own responsibility)							X
(g) JUDGMENT (The ability to think clearly and arrive at logical conclusions)							X
(h) PRESENCE OF MIND (The ability to think and act promptly and effectively in an unexpected emergency or under great strain)	X						
(i) FORCE (The faculty of carrying out with energy and resolution that which is believed to be reasonable, right or duty)							X
(j) LEADERSHIP (The capacity to direct, control, and influence others and still maintain high morale)							X
(k) LOYALTY (The quality of rendering faithful and willing service, and unwavering allegiance under any and all circumstances)							X
(l) PERSONAL RELATIONS (Faculty for establishing and maintaining cordial relations with military and civilian associates)							X
(m) ECONOMY IN MANAGEMENT (Effective utilization of men, money and materials)	X						

**18. Considering the possible requirements of service in war, indicate your attitude toward having this officer under your command.**

Would you—  NOT OBSERVED  PREFER NOT TO HAVE?  BE WILLING TO HAVE?  BE GLAD TO HAVE?  PARTICULARLY DESIRE TO HAVE?

**19. (a) Indicate your estimate of this officer's "General Value to the Service" by marking "X" in the appropriate box:**

NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
X						

**(b) Show distribution of all Item 19. (a) markings awarded officers of his grade for this reporting occasion:**

**SECTION D** (To be completed by reporting senior in pen and ink.) Record in this space a concise appraisal of the professional character of the officer reported on.

*(This space must not be left blank.)*  
 111 Black's attitude was fine during the course. He is a hard worker and attentive and encouraged his class mates to work harder when needed. He also instructed to an above average degree.

Comments class standing 4/11  
 final average grade - 76.10  
 class average - 73.33

**SECTION E** (To be completed by the reporting senior)

I CERTIFY that to the best of my knowledge and belief all entries made hereon are true and without prejudice or partiality.

*Austin O. Gandy, 1st Col. 22 Jan 1970*  
 (Signature of reporting senior) (Date)

**SECTION F** (To be completed when required)

I have seen this completed report.  I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE  I HAVE ATTACHED A STATEMENT

(Signature of officer reported on) (Date)

**SECTION G** (To be completed by reviewing officer)

NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER Jack L. FRUIN GRADE Capt US N  
 DUTY ASSIGNMENT CO, NATTC, Glynco, Georgia INITIALS JLP

**OFFICER FITNESS—REPORT—U.S. MARINE CORPS (1611)**

NAVMC 10147 (REV. 6-63)  
 (SUPERSEDES 2-57 AND 4-61 EDITIONS WHICH WILL BE USED)

**SECTION A**

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Name, Grade, Service No., MOS's)	EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Organization)
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\*1. NAME (Last) BLACK (First) Robert (Middle initial) V. Jr. GRADE 2ndLt USMC R SERVICE NO. 0108240

\*2. ORGANIZATION MAD, NABTC, NAS, Pensacola, Florida (MCC G78)

\*3. PRIMARY MOS 7580 ADDITIONAL MOS's None

4. OCCASION FOR THIS REPORT (Check appropriate box)  
 SEMIANNUAL  DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Enter unit or station to which detached, below)  CHANGE OF REPORTING SENIOR  CONCURRENT REPORT  OTHER (Explain below)

MAD, NATTC, Glynn, Ga. ACADEMIC

5. PERIOD COVERED: FROM (Day, month, year) 6Mar69 TO (Day, month, year) 17Oct69 MONTHS 7

6. PERIODS OF NONAVAILABILITY (30 DAYS OR MORE) (Explain) None

7. DUTY ASSIGNMENTS DURING PERIOD COVERED: A. REGULAR (Dates, descriptive title, and duty MOS)

DUINS NFO 7580

8. WIFE'S ADDRESS None

9. AGE, RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION 9das, Son.

10. OFFICER'S PREFERENCE FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT (1st choice) MCRDep, San Diego, (MCC 017)

(2nd choice) OSO Duty (MCC Y47) (3rd choice) No Preference (MCC Y00)

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON [Signature] DATE 17 Oct 69

**SECTION B (To be completed by reporting senior)**

11. NAME AND GRADE OF REPORTING SENIOR DONALD CONROY, Colonel us MC 12. DUTY ASSIGNMENT Commanding Officer

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICER'S NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT Air FME

14. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT—

(a) Has the work of this officer been reported on in a commendatory way?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Has the work of this officer been reported adversely?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Was this officer the subject of any disciplinary action that should be included on his record?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If YES in (a), (b), or (c), and a report has NOT been submitted to the CMC, attach separate statement of nature and attendant circumstances. If a report has been submitted to the CMC, reference such report below:

**FILE FITNESS REPORTS CASE**  
 4- NOV 1969

15. A. ENTRIES ON THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON (Check appropriate box)  
 DAILY CONTACT AND CLOSE OBSERVATION OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK  FREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK  INFREQUENT OBSERVATIONS OF THIS OFFICER'S WORK

15. P. TO BE COMPLETED ON ORGANIZED RESERVE OFFICERS  
 ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ SCHEDULED DRILLS

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**SECTION C** (To be completed in pen and ink by reporting senior)

Considering the officer reported on in comparison with all other officers of the same grade whose professional abilities are known to you personally, indicate your estimate of this officer by marking "X" in the appropriate spaces below.

PERFORMANCE OF DUTY (Based on fact)	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
REGULAR DUTIES	X						
(b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES	X						
(c) ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	X						
(d) HANDLING OFFICERS	X						
(e) HANDLING ENLISTED PERSONNEL	X						
(f) TRAINING PERSONNEL	X						
(g) TACTICAL HANDLING OF TROOPS (Unit appropriate to officer's grade)	X						

**17. TO WHAT DEGREE HAS HE EXHIBITED THE FOLLOWING?**

	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
(a) ENDURANCE (Physical and mental ability for carrying on under fatiguing conditions)	X						
(b) PERSONAL APPEARANCE (The trait of habitually appearing neat, smart, and well-groomed in uniform or civilian attire)						X	
(c) MILITARY PRESENCE (The quality of maintaining appropriate dignity and soldierly bearing)						X	
(d) ATTENTION TO DUTY (Industry; the trait of working thoroughly and conscientiously)						X	
(e) COOPERATION (The faculty of working in harmony with others, military and civilian)						X	
(f) INITIATIVE (The trait of taking necessary or appropriate action on own responsibility)						X	
(g) JUDGMENT (The ability to think clearly and arrive at logical conclusions)						X	
(h) PRESENCE OF MIND (The ability to think and act promptly and effectively in an unexpected emergency or under great strain)	X						
(i) FORCE (The faculty of carrying out with energy and resolution that which is believed to be reasonable, right or duty)						X	
(j) LEADERSHIP (The capacity to direct, control, and influence others and still maintain high morale)						X	
(k) LOYALTY (The quality of rendering faithful and willing service, and unswerving allegiance under any and all circumstances)						X	
(l) PERSONAL RELATIONS (Faculty for establishing and maintaining cordial relations with military and civilian associates)						X	
(m) ECONOMY IN MANAGEMENT (Effective utilization of men, money and materials)	X						

**18. Considering the possible requirements of service in war, indicate your attitude toward having this officer under your command.**

Would you—  NOT OBSERVED  PREFER NOT TO HAVE?  BE WILLING TO HAVE?  BE GLAD TO HAVE?  PARTICULARLY DESIRE TO HAVE?

(a) Indicate your estimate of this officer's "General Value to the Service" by marking "X" in the appropriate box:

NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
X						

(b) Show distribution of all Item 19. (a) markings awarded officers of his grade for this reporting occasion:

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**SECTION D** (To be completed by reporting senior in pen and ink.) Record in this space a concise appraisal of the professional character of the officer reported on. (This space must not be left blank.)

*St. Black successfully completed the Basic NAO syllabus with a class standing of 25/31. His class standing from the Naval Schools Command was 52/62. His military bearing and personal appearance are above average. St. Black has an above average growth potential.*

**SECTION E** (To be completed by the reporting senior)

I CERTIFY that to the best of my knowledge and belief all entries made hereon are true and without prejudice or partiality.

*Donald Conroy* 28 Oct 69  
 (Signature of reporting senior) (Date)

**SECTION F** (To be completed when required)

I have seen this completed report.  I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE  I HAVE ATTACHED A STATEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of officer reported on) (Date)

**SECTION G** (To be completed by reviewing officer)

NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER Senior Marine Corps Representative GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ US \_\_\_\_\_  
 DUTY ASSIGNMENT SNATRA Staff, NAS Pensacola, Florida 32508 INITIALS *[Signature]*

**OFFICER FITNESS—REPORT—U.S. MARINE CORPS (1311)**

NAVMC 10147 (REV. 6-63)

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**SECTION A**

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Name, Grade, Service No., MOS's)

BLACK, ROBERT V. JR 0108240  
2NDLT 9901/0000/0000 SJ 30303 C

EMBOSSSED PLATE IMPRESSION (Organization)

COMPANY "D" (301)  
The Basic School  
Marine Corps Base  
Quantico, Virginia 22134

\*1. NAME (Last) (First) (Middle initial) GRADE USMC SERVICE NO.

\*2. ORGANIZATION

\*3. PRIMARY MOS

ADDITIONAL MOS'S

4. OCCASION FOR THIS REPORT (Check appropriate box)

SEMIANNUAL  DETACHMENT OF OFFICER REPORTED ON (Enter unit or station to which detached, below)  CHANGE OF REPORTING SENIOR  CONCURRENT REPORT  OTHER (Explain below) Academic

5. PERIOD COVERED FROM (Day, month, year)

4 October 68

TO (Day, month, year)

5 March 69

MONTHS

5

6. PERIODS OF NONAVAILABILITY (30 DAYS OR MORE) (Explain)

None

7. DUTY ASSIGNMENTS DURING PERIOD COVERED: A. REGULAR (Dates, descriptive title, and duty MOS)

8 Oct 68 - 5 Mar 69 Officer Student 9901

B. ADDITIONAL (Descriptive title and number of months)

None

MARKSMANSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (Lieutenants and Captains)

N/A

8. WIFE'S ADDRESS

Rt #3 Box 391-W, Stafford, Va.

9. AGE, RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION

None

10. OFFICER'S PREFERENCE FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT (1st choice)

N/A

(2nd choice) N/A

(3d choice)

N/A

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER REPORTED ON

*Robert V. Black*

DATE

5 MARCH 1969

**SECTION B (To be completed by reporting senior)**

11. NAME AND GRADE OF REPORTING SENIOR

W.I. FERRIER, Major

US MC

12. DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Company Commander, Company D  
EBS, MCB, Quantico, Virginia 22134

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICER'S NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT

N/A

14. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT—

(a) Has the work of this officer been reported on in a commendatory way? YES  NO

(b) Has the work of this officer been reported adversely? YES  NO

(c) Was this officer the subject of any disciplinary action that should be included on his record? YES  NO

If YES in (a), (b), or (c), and a report has NOT been submitted to the CMC, attach separate statement of nature and attendant circumstances. If a report has been submitted to the CMC, reference such report below:

19 MAR 1969

15. A. ENTRIES ON THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON (Check appropriate box)

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15. B. TO BE COMPLETED ON ORGANIZED RESERVE OFFICERS

ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ SCHEDULED DRILLS

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**16. PERFORMANCE OF DUTY (Based on fact)**

	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
REGULAR DUTIES	X						
(v) ADDITIONAL DUTIES							
(r) ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES							
(d) HANDLING OFFICERS							
(e) HANDLING ENLISTED PERSONNEL							
(f) TRAINING PERSONNEL							
(g) TACTICAL HANDLING OF TROOPS (Unit appropriate to officer's grade)							

**17. TO WHAT DEGREE HAS HE EXHIBITED THE FOLLOWING?**

	NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
(a) ENDURANCE (Physical and mental ability for carrying on under fatiguing conditions)							
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(m) ECONOMY IN MANAGEMENT (Effective utilization of men, money and materials)							

**18. Considering the possible requirements of service in war, indicate your attitude toward having this officer under your command.**

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**19. (a) Indicate your estimate of this officer's "General Value to the Service" by marking "X" in the appropriate box:**

NOT OBSERVED	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
X						

**(b) Show distribution of all Item 19. (a) markings awarded officers of his grade for this reporting occasion:**

**SECTION D (To be completed by reporting senior in pen and ink.) Record in this space a concise appraisal of the professional character of the officer reported on. (This space must not be left blank.)**

Class standing was 79 out of 230. Final Grade was 2.6.

**SECTION E (To be completed by the reporting senior)**

I CERTIFY that to the best of my knowledge and belief all entries made hereon are true and without prejudice or partiality.

W.O. Fenner  
(Signature of reporting senior)

5 MAY 69  
(Date)

**SECTION F (To be completed when required)**

I have seen this completed report.  I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE  I HAVE ATTACHED A STATEMENT

(Signature of officer reported on) (Date)

**SECTION G (To be completed by reviewing officer)**

NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER E. H. HAFEEY

GRADE COLONEL US MC

DUTY ASSIGNMENT Commanding Officer, TBS, MCB, Quantico, Va. 22134

INITIALS [Signature]

**EXHIBIT 5**

**Affidavit of John Blackman  
(with flight log of John Blackman and Robert V. Black, Jr.)**

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AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN BLACKMAN

1. My name is John Blackman. I reside at 2703 East 40th Street in Davenport, Iowa. I am more than 18 years old and am in all other respects competent to give this affidavit.

2. Sometime in late February 1992, I was contacted by Raoul Schonemann, attorney for Bob Black, to testify at an evidentiary hearing in Mr. Black's case scheduled for March 5, 1992, in Bryan, Texas. I agreed to come to Bryan to testify on that date, and Mr. Schonemann and I discussed and planned travel arrangements for my visit.

3. Mr. Schonemann subsequently contacted me on March 2, 1992, to advise me that the hearing in Mr. Black's case had been postponed until March 18, 1992. At that time, I was still willing and able to testify on behalf of Mr. Black on the new hearing date.

4. Since then, my father, who is 80 years old and lives by himself in nearby Bettendorf, Iowa, has fallen ill. On Sunday, March 8, 1992, he was hospitalized with a severe strep infection in his blood. The doctors advise me that his condition since then has further deteriorated and that at best he will be in the hospital for several more weeks.

5. Commercial flights from the nearest airport to my home in Iowa, to Bryan, Texas, take between six and six-and-a-half hours. In order to attend Mr. Black's hearing, I had planned to arrive in Bryan the night before the hearing and depart the morning following the hearing. In other words, to attend the hearing I would have to be away from Iowa for approximately one-and-a-half days. Due to my father's advanced age and the seriousness of his condition, I do not feel I am able to leave him alone in the hospital for the amount of time that I would be required to be in Texas to provide testimony at Mr. Black's evidentiary hearing.

6. Were I able to be at Mr. Black's evidentiary hearing on March 18, 1992, I would testify as follows:

7. I met Bob Black when we were both serving in the Marines. In November 1971, I received overseas orders and reported to the Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan. It was there that I met Bob. We were assigned to the same squadron -- Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron (VMFA) 232, Marine Air Group 15, 1st Marine Airwing, which was based at the Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni. Our squadron flew

McDonnell-Douglas F-4J Phantom II fighter planes. Bob and I were teamed together; myself as the pilot of an F-4 and Bob as my radio intercept operator (RIO). During this period, while we were stationed at Iwakuni, we primarily flew practice bombing missions and practiced air-to-air combat.

8. In late 1971 and early 1972, our squadron was deployed in Subic Bay, Philippines for additional combat training. In April 1972, our squadron was issued its first combat orders in Vietnam.

9. In Vietnam, Bob and I flew almost 100 combat missions together; the exact number is recorded in our flight log book, a true copy of which I have attached to this affidavit. We also roomed together during our entire combat tour in Vietnam.

10. Bob was highly regarded in our squadron both for his qualities as a person and for his abilities as a radio intercept operator. Bob and I had a great deal of success as a flight crew and I credit much of that to Bob's abilities as an RIO.

11. But what I remember Bob most for was his compassion for people. He rarely had unkind things to say about anyone, even though we lived in a very close, tense environment. For example, when one particular pilot in our squadron refused to fly combat missions, Bob did not chastise or criticize him as most did, but said he understood his reasons.

12. In fact, Bob seemed to go out of his way to do things for others. This attitude was not limited to Americans, either, because Bob treated the nationals of each country we were in very graciously. Because many American military personnel were typical of the so-called "Ugly American," I found it refreshing to be associated with Bob.

13. I think it was for these very reasons -- that Bob had always been a sensitive person and that he cared a great deal about people -- that our experiences in Vietnam were particularly difficult for him. Unlike in other wars, we faced in Vietnam a very diffuse enemy. There was not a line drawn which put the good guys on one side and the bad guys on the other. Many innocent people suffered loss of property and loss of life, and I know from later conversations with Bob that this bothered him greatly.

14. When we returned from overseas, Bob and I spoke on the phone a number of times, and we wrote letters back and forth. I didn't see Bob again, though, until years later, in 1983, when Bob and his son Gary Wayne visited me and my family at our home in Iowa during a cross-country motorcycle trip they were taking. Although he stayed with us for only a few days, I noticed that Bob had changed in subtle ways. He didn't seem to be real happy with the way his life had turned out. He said that he'd had trouble holding jobs. He also told me about the fact that he'd

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been hospitalized in the V.A. hospital when he came back. He explained that since he'd been back in the States nothing had worked out as he'd planned, and that he'd had a nervous breakdown.

15. We talked then about some of our experiences in Vietnam and I was amazed at Bob's vivid recollection of some of our missions. It was clear that many of our experiences had affected him deeply.

16. Bob recalled one mission in particular in exact detail that especially repulsed him. It was a bombing mission where there was not a defined target, but where you flew into known enemy territory and bombed "targets of opportunity." This meant that we basically could bomb anything that looked at all like a military target. However, in an F-4 Phantom flying 500 to 600 miles per hour, and making erratic maneuvers to avoid hostile fire, this type of observation was very speculative at best. I remember that we saw several small boats in a small inlet off a larger river. We dropped our bombs and destroyed the boats, but to this day I don't know if they were boats used by the NVA to transport military goods or simply fishing boats belonging to Vietnamese civilians. I do know there were no secondary explosions caused by munitions being hit that would have been stored on those boats. Whether these boats were friend or foe, however, it was clear that it deeply bothered Bob that we were rather indiscriminately dropping thousands of pounds of bombs on what were indefinite targets.

17. Bob recalled another very similar incident that summer that also had clearly left a very strong impression with him. On this particular occasion, something happened to one of the planes in our squadron -- a hydraulic leak or something -- and we had to drop bombs in the ocean before landing. As we turned to go back to the base Bob and I noticed that there were fishing boats in the area. I remember we talked then about how we hoped we hadn't hit one of the boats, but there was no way of knowing whether we did or not. From my conversations with Bob years later, however, it was again apparent that the possibility that we accidentally killed innocent civilians continued to haunt Bob.

18. Another incident that made a very strong impact on Bob was an occasion when we almost lost several planes from our squadron returning to our base in Nam Phong, Thailand. Bob and I were leading a division of fighters back that were returning from a mission in North Vietnam when we all found ourself with extra fuel to burn to get down to landing weight. To burn the extra fuel, we made a quick tour of the area, followed by some mock "dogfighting" in the air, which was standard procedure under these circumstances. When we reached about 4,000 pounds of jet fuel, which is just about the right amount to return for landing at the proper weight, I radioed for all the planes to "knock it off" and head back. The high-altitude, high-G maneuvering had everyone disoriented, however, and when we broke through the

cloud coverage we were not where we thought we were and could not find our base. The field at Nam Phong was barely operational; there were no navigational aids available and only a radio operator in the field tower to search for us. We vainly tried to identify a familiar landmark to get our bearings back. Precious fuel burned as we checked one another's fuel levels by radio. All of the planes, including mine and Bob's, were running low at that point, but our friend Sam Cordova, who was the pilot of one of the other planes in the squadron, was at a perilously low fuel stage. At 1,500 pounds of fuel, we declared an emergency and issued four "May-Days." Cordova barely had time to issue a statement with the emergency transmitter that he and his RIO were ejecting before allowing their plane to flame out five miles north of the field. Minutes later a second plane in the squadron flamed out on the runway. Although there were no casualties, and only Cordova had leg injuries from his parachute landing, losing the planes was humiliating. Bob, in particular, faulted himself for the accident, and the near loss of life, on the grounds that it had been primarily his responsibility to locate the airstrip for a safe landing.

19. In retrospect, perhaps the most devastating thing that ever happened to Bob in Vietnam was when our friend and squadron mate, Sam Cordova, was shot down by enemy MIGs in August 1972. On this occasion, Bob and I were among a section of fighters flying into an area to relieve another division of fighters on a bombing mission in North Vietnam. We were trying our best to receive radio communications from our only radar outpost -- a ship at least 250 miles away. When we were about 20 minutes away from relieving the other division, we heard a panicked message from the ship's radio advising us that enemy aircraft had been picked up on the ship's radar that were so close to our own aircraft that the distance could not be calculated. Moments later we heard the radio call from the squadron's leader that Cordova's plane had been hit by an air-to-air missile fired by enemy MIGs. Emergency radio transmissions began as we communicated with Cordova and his partner on the ground. Transmissions were made to helicopters to launch a rescue. We sent orders for more refueling, so that we could stay and secure the area around the downed plane. When the helicopters arrived, it dropped a jungle penetrator to locate Sam. According to the search and rescue helicopter crew, the last words heard from Sam were, "I see the jungle penetrator, I'm going for the penetrator." Moments later the helicopter came under heavy fire from enemy troops. Cordova's partner, Lieutenant Borders, was picked up unhurt; Cordova, however, was not so fortunate. After a time, the search for Sam was abandoned and he was declared "MIA."

20. Both Bob and I lost a close friend that day. All three of us -- Bob, Sam, and myself -- had lived in the same hootch when we were over there, and Bob and I both considered Sam a very close friend. I know from my conversations with Bob that many years afterward he maintained an active involvement in Sam's

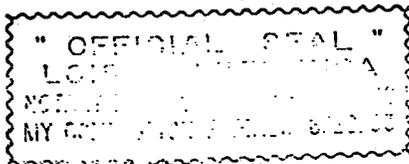
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affairs. While we were still overseas, Bob started a regular correspondence with Sam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cordova, of California. Mr. Cordova visited Vietnam several times in search of his son, and Bob provided the Cordova family with information about when, where, and how Sam was shot down, so the Cordovas could try to find out more information about their son. When Bob returned to the United States he went out to California to visit with Sam's parents, to tell them what Sam had meant to us and to try to console them for their loss.

I hereby affirm that the foregoing is true and correct and I so state under the pains and penalties of perjury.

John Blackman

Signed and sworn before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1992.



Lois M. Wirungs  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

47- MONTH APRIL YEAR 1972

7-ADF L-LF range Y-TACAN  
 CODES: A-Automatic G-GCA O-OMNI S-Simulated  
 C-CCA I-ILS R-Radar J-Jet

DAY	AIRCRAFT		KIND OF FLIGHT CODE	PILOT TIME			SPECIAL CREW TIME
	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER		TOTAL PILOT TIME	FIRST PILOT	CO-PILOT	
5	F4J	155986	1A2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.4
6	F4J	153785	1A2	FULLER, W.R.			5.8
10	F4J	155754	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.2
11	F4J	153882	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.4
17	F4J	153818	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.2
18	F4J	155818	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.1
24	F4J	153785	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.1
25	F4J	155754	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.1
26	F4J	153785	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.2
27	F4J	155818	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.1
28	F4J	153833	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.2
29	F4J	153882	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.1
30	F4J	153810	152	BARBER, P.T.			1.0
31	F4J	155822	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.0
32	F4J	155754	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.5
33	F4J	153910	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.2
34	F4J	153818	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.2
35	F4J	153882	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.1
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TOTAL TO DATE							27.7
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INSTRUMENT TIME		NIGHT TIME	LANDINGS			CATAPULT	STD INST. APPR. COMPLETED			REMARKS
ACT	SIM		CARRIER	SEA/LAND	SEA/LAND		IN	ET	S	
										RAA 11
										0. RECORD OF COMBAT FLIGHTS
										9907-DAS 1PT
										9900-DAS 1PT
										9906-DAS 1PT
										9913-STK 1PT
										8913-STK 2PT
										8912-STK 1PT
										8925-STK 1PT
										8920-STK 1PT
										8917-STK 2PT
										9905-STK 1PT
										8905-STK 1PT
										8935-STK 2PT
										8924-STK 1PT
										8950-STK 2PT
										8949-STK 1PT
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							C.O. or authorized deputy			

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49 MONTH MAY YEAR 1977

CODES: A - Autocontrol G - GCA O - OMNI S - Simulated  
 C - CCA I - ILS R - Radar J - Jet

DAY	AIRCRAFT		KIND OF FLIGHT CODE	PILOT TIME			SPECIAL CREW TIME
	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER		TOTAL PILOT TIME	FIRST PILOT	CO-PILOT	
2	F4J	153810	152	Blackman	J.F.		1.2
3	F4J	155318	152	"	"		.9
4	F4J	155806	152	"	"		1.1
5	F4J	155754	152	BLACKMAN	J.F.		1.2
6	F4J	155822	152	"	"		0.9
7	F4J	153818	152	BLACKMAN	J.F.		1.2
8	F4J	155811	152	BLACKMAN	J.F.		1.0
9	F4J	153810	152	BLACKMAN	J.F.		0.9
10	F4J	153882	152	"	"		0.7
11	F4J	153810	152	"	"		0.8
12	F4J	153882	152	BLACKMAN	J.F.		0.9
13	F4J	153868	152	Blackman	J.F.		1.0
14	F4J	155817	152	Blackman	J.F.		1.1
17	F4J	155817	152	Blackman	J.F.		1.0
18	F4J	155817	152	Blackman	J.F.		0.9
19	F4J	155806	152	BLACKMAN	J.F.		1.0
19	F4J	153808	152	Blackman	J.F.		1.0
21	F4J	155822	152	BLACKMAN	J.F.		1.1
21	F4J	153833	152	PENNINGTON	J.W.		1.1
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INSTRUMENT TIME	ANT. TIME	LANDINGS	CATALOG	STD INST. APPL. COMPLETED			REMARKS
				NO.	TIME	S.	
							8905-STK 1PT
							8930-STK 2PT
							8925-STK 1PT
							8944-STK 2PT
							8933-STK 2PT
							8902-STK 2PT
							8933-STK 1PT
							8950-STK 2PT
							8921-STK 1PT
							8926-STK 3PT
							8923-STK 1PT
							8926-STK 2PT
							8917-STK 1PT
							8926-STK 2PT
							8927-STK 2PT
							8918-STK 2PT
							8950-STK 2PT
							8906-STK 2PT
							8920-STK 2PT

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MONTH: YEAR: 1978

CODES: A - Auto, C - GCA, I - ILS, R - Radar, S - Simulated, T - TACAN, J - Jet

DAY	AIRCRAFT		KIND OF FLIGHT CODE	PILOT TIME			SPECIAL CREW TIME
	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER		TOTAL PILOT TIME	FIRST PILOT	CO-PILOT	
	BROUGHT FORWARD						19.0
22	F4J	153818	152	BLACKMAN			1.1
23	F4J	155806	152	BLACKMAN			1.2
24	F4J	155811	152	BLACKMAN			1.0
25	F4J	155818	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			0.9
25	F4J	155817	152	PENNINGTON, J.W.			1.0
25	F4J	153822	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			0.8
26	F4J	153810	152	CULLER, P.			1.2
27	F4J	152882	152	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.0
28	F4J	153868	152	BLACKMAN			1.2
29	F4J	153882	152	BLACKMAN			0.9
30	F4J	153791	1A6	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.0

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BROUGHT FORWARD	818.3	851.9
TOTAL TO DATE	848.6	882.2
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		TOTALS, THIS FISCAL YEAR

INSTRUMENT TIME	ACT	NO. SM.	NIGHT TIME	LANDINGS			SEA/LAND	CATAPULT	STD INST. APPL. COMPLETED			REMARKS
				CARRIER					NO.	TYPE	S	
				AT	TH	SC						
												8741-STK 1PT
												8926-STK 2PT
												8927-STK 2PT
												8920-STK 1PT
												8938-STK 1PT
												8726-STK 1PT
												8939-STK 1PT
												8930-STK 1PT
												8955-STK 1PT
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MONTH June YEAR 1972

CODES: A-Automatic, C-CCA, O-OMNI, S-Simulated, T-TACAN, C-CCA, I-ILS, R-Radar, J-Jet

DAY	AIRCRAFT		KIND OF FLIGHT CODE	PILOT TIME			SPECIA CREW TIME
	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER		TOTAL PILOT TIME	FIRST PILOT	CO-PILOT	
1	F4J	155817	1S2	Blackman			1.1
3	F4J	153810	1S2	Blackman			1.2
5	F4J	153793	1S2	Blackman			1.0
6	F4J	155754	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.0
6	F4J	155817	1S2	WARD, R.K.			1.1
7	F4J	155822	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.4
8	F4J	153793	1S2	Blackman			1.1
10	F4J	153793	1S2	Blackman			1.0
11	F4J	155806	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			0.9
11	F4J	153796	3S2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.4
12	F4J	153791	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			0.9
12	F4J	155817	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.0
13	F4J	155817	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			0.9
14	F4J	155806	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.0
16	F4J	155806	1S2	Blackman, J.F.			1.0

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BROUGHT FORWARD	248.6	282.2
TOTAL TO DATE	264.6	298.2
TOTAL ACCUM. PILOT TIME		
YEAR TOTALS THIS FISCAL YEAR		

INSTRUMENT TIME	M/T	T/C	LANDINGS			CATALYT	STD INST. APPR. COMPLETED	REMARKS
			CARRIER	SEA/LAND	TC			
								8941-STK 2PT
								8941-STK 1PT
								8925-STK 1PT
								8952-STK 2PT
								8950-STK 2PT
								8925-STK 1PT
								8931-FLT 1PT
								8930-STK 2PT
								8917-STK 2PT
								5725-STK 2PT
		1.4						8916-STK 1PT
								8927-STK 2PT
								8951-STK 1PT
								8924-STK 1PT
								8916-STK 2PT

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MONTH: AUGUST YEAR: 1972

CODES: A - Automatic, G - GA, L - LP range, P - FACAN, S - Simulated, M - MTC, C - CCA, R - Radar, J - Jet

DAY	AIRCRAFT		KIND OF FLIGHT CODE	PILOT TIME			SPECIAL CREW TIME
	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER		TOTAL PILOT TIME	FIRST PILOT	CO-PILOT	
2	F4J	155801	1A6	BLACKMAN, J.E.			1.3
4	F4J	155783	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.E.			1.2
4	F4J	155783	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.E.			1.4
10	F4J	155806	1S2	DINKEL, R.			1.3
10	F4J	155806	1S2	DINKEL, R.			1.1
10	F4J	155806	1S2	DINKEL, R.			1.6
11	F4J	155806	1S2	ANDERSON, W.D.			1.3
11	F4J	155806	1S2	ANDERSON, W.D.			3.1
11	F4J	155806	1S2	ANDERSON, W.D.			1.4
14	F4J	155806	1S2	SUMMERLIN, J.W.			1.2
17	F4J	153882	1U8	BURNS, J.G.			3.5
19	F4J	153882	2U8	HAY, E.P.			2.7
20	F4J	153882	1A6	HAY, E.P.			1.5
25	F4J	155754	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.E.			1.2
26	F4J	155818	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.E.			4.8
27	F4J	155754	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.E.			2.4
28	F4J	153882	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.E.			3.0
30	F4J	153868	1S2	HARRISON, R.W.			1.1
30	F4J	153868	1S2	HARRISON, R.W.			4.0
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INSTRUMENT TIME	ACT.	LA	NO	SIM	TO	HIGHER TIME	LANDINGS			CATALYT	STD USE APPL. COMPLETED			REMARKS
							CARRIER	SEA/ LAND	LAND		SI	TE	S	
														ACM
														8913 DAS
														1 PT
														8925 DAS
														2 PTS
														8913-STK
														1 PT
														8925-STK
														1 PT
														8927-STK
														2 PT
														8912-STK
														1 PT
														8924-STK
														1 PT
														8926-STK
														1 PT
														BARCAP
														BARCAP
														6580-2PT
														BARCAP
														6582-2PT
														ACM
														BARCAP
														6582-1PT
														BARCAP/ARCAP
														6581-2PT
														BARCAP
														6580-2PT
														BARCAP
														6581-2PT
														RUN - NPG
														1 PT
														8953 DAS
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MONTH: **SEPTEMBER** YEAR: **1972** CODES: A-Automatic, B-ADP, C-CCA, D-ADP, E-ADP, F-ADP, G-OMNI, H-ADP, I-ADP, J-ADP, K-ADP, L-LF, M-TACAN, N-Simulated, O-ADP, P-ADP, Q-ADP, R-Radar, S-ADP, T-ADP, U-ADP, V-ADP, W-ADP, X-ADP, Y-ADP, Z-ADP

DAY	AIRCRAFT		KIND OF FLIGHT CODE	PILOT TIME			SPECIAL CREW TIME
	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER		TOTAL PILOT TIME	FIRST PILOT	CO-PILOT	
2	F4J	155818	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			2.5
4	F4J	155754	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			2.6
5	F4J	153868	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.3
5	F4J	153868	1S2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			1.3
6	F4J	153882	1U8	HARRISON, R.W.			2.7
7	F4J	153882	1U8	HAY, F.A.			2.5
8	F4J	155754	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			3.1
9	F4J	155783	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			2.3
10	F4J	155818	1U8	WARD, R.K.			2.6
11	F4J	155818	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			3.3
13	F4J	155818	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			2.5
14	F4J	155754	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			2.4
15	F4J	153868	1U8	LAWRENCE, R.O.			2.0
18	F4J	155754	1U8	ANDERSON, W.D.			2.4
19	F4J	155822	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			2.3
21	F4J	153868	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			2.5
22	F4J	153793	1L2	BLACKMAN, J.F.			0.5
23	F4J	153882	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			2.5
25	F4J	155818	1U8	BLACKMAN, J.F.			2.4
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INSTRUMENT TIME	ACT	A	SUM	O	NIGHT TIME	LANDINGS				CATALYT	STD INST. APPL. COMPLETED	REMARKS	
						CARRIER	SEA/LAND	RE	RE				
													BARCAP 6580 2PT
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 MONTH OCTOBER YEAR 1972

CODES: C-CCA 1-ES R-Radar J-Jet  
 T-TACAN S-Simulated

DAY	AIRCRAFT		KIND OF FLIGHT CODE	PILOT TIME			SPECIAL CREW TIME
	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER		TOTAL PILOT TIME	FIRST PILOT	CO-PILOT	
7	F4J	153882	148	BLACKMAN, JF			2.4
2	F4J	153868	148	BLACKMAN, JF			2.5
9	F4J	153859	148	LUHMANN, JF			2.4
<del>NO FURTHER FLIGHTS</del>							

INSTRUMENT TIME	NIGHT TIME	LANDINGS				CATAPULT	STD INST. APPL. COMPLETED	REMARKS
		CARRIER	SEA/LAND	TC	RA			
								BARCAP 4507 2PT
								BARCAP 4706 2PT
								BARCAP 4107 2PT
<del>THIS COMMAND</del>								

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 C.O. or authorized deputy

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**EXHIBIT 6**

**Correspondence between Robert V. Black and  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cordova**

VMFA-232, MAG-15, FMP  
FPO, San Francisco, Calif. 96602  
12 September 1972

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Cordova,

Please forgive my delay in writing to you regarding Sam. His hootch-mates, John Blackman, Phil Lynd, Al Beye and I want to express our sympathy to the family and wishes for his safe and speedy return. Having lived closest to Sam over here we can assure you of a very personal compassion and concern of each of us.

I am taking care of the personal effects located here at Nam Phong. Since I will be going back to Iwakuni next month, there is a possibility that I will be asked to also inventory and send home his belongings from that location. Right now we are waiting for an official classification of Sam's status from Headquarters Marine Corps (but hopefully his return) before sending anything home: I also wanted to correspond with you to see if you agree with my plans. After the inventory, everything was locked in his footlocker and his bed and belongings are in a state ready for his return. Essentially Sam had the usual array of a small amount of used clothing and toiletries necessary for our daily life in a "temporary" base. Also there is a small collection of new clothing; a suit, trousers and sport coat, new shoes and a couple of party suits. All he has with him here of high value is a camera, two lenses and accessories, and a portable tape recorder. The only currency found came to around \$1.50 from various countries. Sam has quite a savings program in various forms: \$1200 in the 10% savings plan, \$2300 in the bank at Iwakuni, \$400 in the Navy Federal Credit Union, a \$60 check from his automobile insurance company, and over \$800 due this coming payday. Within the next few days his pay record will be sent to the finance center at Kansas City, and from there arrangements will be made for you to control his pay. Presently he is drawing about \$420 per month plus combat pay, and has allotments of \$16.70 to Fidelity Life Insurance Company and \$300 per month for the 10% savings program. You will receive guidance on the disposition of his finances, but I would like to suggest putting as much as possible into this plan and using allotments to cover any of his monthly expenses, while keeping enough of his pay aside yourself for incidentals on his behalf. You might keep in mind too that his promotion to Captain will be approved in the next few months. I had to go through his personal papers and letters and this was what I was able to find here although he could have had other savings plans I'm sure. I was unable to find anything pending other than a model aircraft he has in Japan that will be sent when finished next year, and a name tag at Rex's in Iwakuni. I will check in Udorn when I go again for any clothing he might have ordered: the clothes he had in the base laundry have been included in his gear already. I understand that at Iwakuni Sam has some stereo gear and possibly other high value items. It appears that Sam made no requests for anyone in particular to manage his affairs here in his absence so I hope to be able to do the job adequately as seen from both your and his standpoints.

Sam is a very talented photographer and I am sure you will be delighted with the photographs he has. He did not write any explanations on the backs, so if you would like me to tell you a little bit about each I will be happy to, and I could send a few as I finish every few days if you so desire. I guess he has around 100, plus possibly some more in the PX which I will check on. I took the liberty of removing two which I cannot promise the return of for use in our cruise book. It should be off the press around January and I will see to it that our editor repays you with a complimentary copy.

So, with this background I would like to ask your permission to dispose of his gear as follows:

- Personal papers, letters, and photos by registered mail
- Camera and accessories by insured mail (you will have an import tax to pay)
- All clothing and other items by personal effects baggage at government expense

This isn't exactly in accordance with Marine Corps Standard Operating Procedures and orders, but I have suggested this way instead of all by government expense because of the possibility of pilferage and the extremely long delays in shipping. Of course I will need your permission and acknowledgment of receipt for our records if this is satisfactory to you.

Other than this the only thing left at Nam Phong is his toiletries: shaving cream, soap, canned milk, soup, insect spray, etc. which cannot be sent due to its perishable nature. It will eventually be disposed of in an "as needed" basis by his friends. There is an item I hope will have special significance on Sam's return. He has a bottle of Cold Duck which his hootch-mates have signed and I would like to personally deliver some day. We want him to remember us as we're remembering him when he celebrates over it some day.

Also, could you please have the Marine who calls on you offering assistance please write me with any suggestions he might have as to my being of assistance.

Our daily missions usually take us into the area where I talked to Sam last and everyone is watchful for any signs of his still being in the area.

Last, we ask that you contact VIVA with permission for them to use Sam's name. Perhaps it is something too hard to do right now, but please write us if you should decide to do so. Not knowing their procedures, Al requested a bracelet and received this information. Many of us are waiting for your reply.

Forgive me for being business-like on initial contact with you; I hope to become a friend you can rely on for answers and assistance.

God bless,

*Bob*

Dear Bob:

Sept 20 -

Received both your letters. One on the 17 and the one with the pictures today.

First of all I want to thank you so much. For being such a good friend to Sam, and for being so thoughtful of us.

About Sam's things. Yes you have our permission to send everything back home. We will take care of any expense at this end. Will you please let us know when you ship them, so we will know about when to expect the things and stick around the house in order to pay for the things.

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His money we are leaving  
in the bank. Except the American  
Express, we are going to try  
and transfer it to Whither -  
Are you sending all his  
things from Japan too?

Please excuse me if I  
keep jumping from one subject  
to another, but since all this  
happened I can't think straight,  
my brain is numb.

The marines here have been  
very good, and very helpful to  
us. They were here when your  
letter and pictures came  
today. They read the letter,  
and they were in accord that  
it sounded pretty hopeful.  
Believe me there have been

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a lot of prayers for Sam for his safe return. We are keeping the faith that he is doing fine. We just have to keep that thought.

I know that he bought all that stereo stuff. So if you will please take care of sending all his things home we will really appreciate it. May God Bless you and keep you safe.

Please keep in touch Bob, and I will answer your letters. If there is anything that you want or need please keep in touch. Again I want to thank you for being such a

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wonderful friend, and I hope  
you stay friends for many  
many years: With Love  
and appreciation

Sincerely  
Eleanor Rodova

Does Mike know about  
Sam? Again Thanks.



*From Mrs. [unclear]*

*Capet Robert V. Black Jr 457-70-0620  
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*From Mrs. [unclear]*

*Mrs Leo Cordova  
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San Francisco, Calif  
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Sept 21-72

Dear Bob:

I have already written you a letter yesterday. I don't really know if it made sense. It was not one of my good days. Some days I just can't stop crying. It all seems like a dream. I'm having, and I will wake up and everything will be fine. The only thing that keeps me going is faith in God, and I keep saying over and over that he is fine.

Bob truthfully from all reports and where he went down what do you think? If I'm putting you on a spot don't tell me.

Again I want to thank you for the two beautiful letters. Sam is lucky to have a friend like you, and I pray that you will be friends for many many years.

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We are very grateful for your help in getting all his things together. If there is any expense to you please let us know. We are leaving all his money except American Express in Iwobuni where it is. His pay check we are putting in the bank at 10% if possible. This way when he gets home "God willing" he will have a few dollars. Bob if you go to Iwobuni would you see what we have to do to get his money transferred to Whittier. If you can't then we will let the marines take care of it. Taking about the marines they have really been a big help, and you all are the finest men in the world.

I got in touch with Viva

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before I received your letter,  
but I guess it was after you  
wrote for one. I have written  
to them, and gave them  
your name and address, and  
am having them send you one  
with Sam's names on it.

How much longer do you  
have in nam? I hope its not  
long. I hate this damn war.  
Again thank you take care of  
yourself. God Bless -

Love  
Eleanor

Oct 3 - Tues

Dear Bob:

Received your letter yesterday. I really can't tell you how your letters help. Repeating myself I can't thank you enough to be so kind.

I know living so close with each other and doing the job that you do, all you men become closer than brothers and make life long friends. Here's hoping that Sam, you, Mike and all of you are close friends for many years to come.

They are having a convention in Wash. D.C. that is being given by the League of families of POW and M.I.A. men. We might learn something that we can

do, or can <sup>it</sup> help in some way.  
Then we can also go to marine  
Adpts and see if they have  
evaluated everything that they  
have found. Thank God that  
I am getting some information  
from you Bob, or I think I  
would have gone nuts waiting  
to hear from them. I think Leo  
would have flown right over  
if possible. We are going to  
be at Staller Hilton from Oct  
10-18th. Like I told Mike, if  
anything comes up. Please  
Call Collect. Will write you  
if we learn anything. We  
think that the more people  
that show up for this

Convention, I guess you  
would call it. Maybe they will  
listen and do something for  
the men that are there -

Yes if you will please go  
to Amer Express to see if it  
can be transferred. Let me  
know. As for the car. I don't  
know as he didn't say. I don't  
think he was in Japan long  
enough, but I guess you can  
find out when you get there.

Leo said you left out  
the best part of the pictures.  
They really gave us a laugh.  
How are things at "Rose Garden"?

Please send his personal papers  
and bank books so that I can  
keep track of all his things.

at least <sup>It</sup> he can have a nice bank account when he gets home "God Willing".

When you get to the States please stop over to see us. You know our home is open to you anytime you are here. If you would like to spend a few days and relax and sightsee we will be glad to take you anywhere you want to go.

Again thanks for being such a wonderful friend and for keep up our morale. Keep writing. God Bless.

My sincere Love &  
Gratitude  
Eleanor.

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~~WHITTIER FLOR#61~~  
~~WHITTIER CALIFORNIA 94005~~  
Murphy, Calif.

*From Miami*

*From Miami*

Capt R. Black Jr  
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THE  
STATLER  
HILTON

Sixteenth Street • At K and L Streets N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Bob:

Received your letter. I wasn't home, but my neighbor called me last night and told me you had written. I have been in touch with Captain Johnson in Washington. They are going to take all his pay, and put it in the Kansas city bank at 10%. We got a letter stating that Sam has made captain as of October 1st and that's when his pay starts. He'll be proud when he gets back God willing.

My neighbor said that there were three boxes also that arrived. I don't know how

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many you sent. Bob please keep ~~for~~ an account of every-thing you are putting out, and we will give it to you when you get here. We are so grateful for all you are doing, and please thank any of the boys that are helping. If Sam has ordered any thing, or owes any body anything will you please take care of it, and will give it to you when we see you. If you havnt got it write us the amount, and we will send you a check right away.

We came to Washington D.C. They are holding a convention for families of M.I.A. & P.O.W's

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from Oct 14 to 17th. We weren't going to come, but we figured if they didn't get a good turnout then they will think that no one cares about the boys back there. And we might learn about something that we can do.

I hope this letter reaches you in time. Please if you have time. Go to the American Express see if you can get it transferred to Crocker Bank

15000 E. Whittier Blvd. Whittier  
If they will only transfer it to ~~an~~ American Express only.  
Then have it transferred to one

in Santa Ana, Calif. or Newport Beach, Calif - they are both in Orange County. If they will give you a check, then I will put it Cuckers Bank myself. His pay check will all go to Kansas at 10%.

Captain Johnson let Leo + I read the reports on Sam from everyone there, as far as we can make out he has a 50-50 chance of being a P.O.W.

I will give you my neighbors ~~address~~ telephone number just in case we are out for a few hours. It is 943-2225. Her name is Ti and she lives in back of me. We are both on the corner. My telephone # is 943-2225 - My telephone # at Palm Springs is 327-9322 - Take Care -  
Love - Eleanor