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The Honorable Mark T. Esper
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Re: Request for Presidential Action – Disapprove Convictions

Dear Mr. President, Mr. Pardon Attorney, and Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of First Lieutenant Clint A. Lorance, U.S. Army, his family, friends, and the several hundred thousand proud Americans who petitioned the White House for Presidential action, we write to respectfully request that you release Clint from confinement at the United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) and update his records to remove his convictions for murder and attempted murder; actions which occurred during a combat patrol in a combat zone in Afghanistan.

Of all the requests before you, this case stands out because the evidence shows that Clint is not guilty – he is innocent. Unlike Private Chelsea Manning, who pled guilty to espionage, we now know by use of biometric evidence (fingerprints and DNA) that the males of apparent Afghan descent that Clint's Platoon shot and killed were not civilians as the prosecution claimed, rather, they left their fingerprints and DNA on improvised explosive device (IEDs) at GRID locations where American paratroopers were blown up and killed.

Clint never fired his rifle. Clint did not see the three military-aged-males riding back-to-back on a single red motorcycle speeding toward the platoon's exposed route of march behind a minesweeper on a combat patrol in rural Afghanistan. Clint relied on an Infantryman who saw the threat, testified that he was authorized to fire his rifle under the rules of engagement (ROE), and did so, but missed. Clint, standing below a 6-8-foot grape berm, radioed a guntruck in overwatch to fire, and, seconds later, two riders were killed but a third escaped.

Because one of the riders was thought to be a village elder, reports emerged of "CIVCAS," for civilian casualty. On this theory, the prosecution convicted Clint of two counts

of murder and one count of attempted murder and sent him to federal prison for 20 years. He has been in prison since 2013.

What went undisclosed, however, was that the third rider who escaped, Haji Karimullah, whom Clint stands convicted of attempting to murder, left his fingerprints on IEDs at a GRID coordinate where US paratroopers had been killed. Ghamai, a rider who was shot and killed, who Clint stands convicted of murdering, also left his fingerprints on IEDs.

The prosecution should have disclosed these important facts to the defense and the jury. They did not, even though defense counsel asked for all records of violent activity of all local-nationals on the Afghan battlefield that day. Because of this, Clint did not get a fair trial. After all, ROE compliance which resulted in the killing of confirmed insurgents cannot be murder or attempted murder.

This is why Clint's case is deserving of Presidential attention, especially because, with respect Sir, you ran on a platform of reversing the policies of the previous Administration. Here, in short order, you can right a significant wrong which occurred because of overly restrictive ROE, save a paratrooper from 15 more years in the penitentiary, and simultaneously send a message to all of our military and law enforcement personnel that you and your Administration have our backs.

Clint's appeals are final and his case is presently with the Secretary of the Army.

Each day that goes by with this young man behind bars is a day our country cannot give back to him. Because biometric evidence is DNA and fingerprint evidence, executive action to free Clint and unyoke him from the title of murder is altogether fitting, timely, and proper as an informed exercise of executive authority to correct a manifest injustice.

Respectfully submitted,

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