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> Docket No. 443-24 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

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- Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552
  - (b) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)
  - (c) UNSECDEF Memo of 20 Sep 11 (Correction of Military Records Following Repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654)
- Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments (2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his DD Form 214 be changed in light of references (b) and (c).

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3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active duty on 8 May 1963. The Petitioner subsequently completed the enlistment with an Honorable characterization of service, on 26 September 1965, and immediately reenlisted. On 9 June 1966, Petitioner made a statement regarding participating in a homosexual act with a civilian. On 15 June 1966, the Petitioner submitted a request for undesirable discharge for the good of the service and to escape trial by court-martial. The Commanding Officer endorsed the request and, ultimately, the

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Separation Authority directed separation for homosexual with an Other Than Honorable (OTH) discharge. Petitioner was discharged with an OTH on 5 August 1966.

d. Post-discharge, Petitioner applied to the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB) for a discharge upgrade. The NDRB denied his request for an upgrade, on 28 August 1967, based on their determination the character of the discharge was proper.

e. Reference (c) sets forth the Department of the Navy's current policies, standards, and procedures for correction of military records following the "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654. It provides service Discharge Review Boards with the guidance to normally grant requests to change the characterization of service to "Honorable," narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," the separation code to "JFF," and the reentry code to "RE-1J," when the original discharge was based solely on DADT or a similar policy in place prior to enactment of it and there are no aggravating factors in the record, such as misconduct.

## CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants relief.

The Board noted Petitioner was discharged for homosexuality with no aggravating factors in his record. Therefore, the Board found that Petitioner was entitled to full relief under reference (c).

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action:

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, for the period ending 5 August 1966, indicating that Petitioner's characterization of service was "Honorable," his narrative reason for separation was "Secretarial Authority," the SPD code assigned was "JFF," the reenlistment code was "RE-1J," and the separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-164."

Petitioner be issued an Honorable discharge certificate.

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulation, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing

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corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

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