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Mr. Thomas Fitton  
President, Judicial Watch  
Suite 725  
501 School Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Fitton:

This is in response to your August 18, 2004, letter to this office, the Chief of Navy Operations, the Naval Inspector General, and the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals, submitting a "formal complaint and request for investigation, determination and final disposition of awards granted to Lieutenant (junior grade) John Forbes Kerry, U.S. Naval Reserve."

Your letter "submits this formal complaint and request for investigation to the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals via the Chief of Naval Operations for a determination and final disposition of awards granted to Lieutenant (jg) John Forbes Kerry, USNR."

Concerning your allegations of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, we have a responsibility under Section 8(d) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to "report suspected or alleged violations of chapter 47 of Title 10, United States Code (Uniform Code of Military Justice), to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned or to the Secretary of Defense." We have informed the Secretary of the Navy of the allegations.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (703) 604-8324.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Crane".

John R. Crane  
Assistant Inspector General  
Communications and Congressional Liaison