

APPENDIX A

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

30 July 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER 375 CSPTS

FROM: 1LT ROBIN CHAURASIYA

1. Approximately one week ago, you read me an email that was forwarded to you, purportedly from me, stating that I was homosexual. You then stated that you would be upset if someone was "making claims against my character" and that you would not believe I wrote this email unless I raised my hand, looked you in the eye, and told you I was gay. This upset me tremendously, as I did not understand why someone's homosexuality would impugn their character as you described. However, increasingly, I realize that in order to live up to the Air Force's core value of "integrity first," I need to be honest about my sexual orientation. Therefore, I am writing this memorandum to inform you that I am homosexual. For years, I was forced to choose between being in the military and hiding my sexual orientation or not serving in the military and being honest about my sexual orientation. After years of choosing the first option, I feel that I can no longer adequately and honestly serve as an officer in the U.S. Air Force.

2. I have been dating females since I was thirteen years old. Throughout my affiliation with the military, though, I have tried to conceal my orientation. Over the past year, however, surrounded by supportive communities and separated from the military's homophobic culture, I have been able to live more openly. Since coming back onto active duty, though, my attempts to conceal my orientation have tremendously impacted my abilities to function both at work and in my personal life, causing me stress beyond a manageable level.

3. Since my father's recent death, my mother has been living in India despite the fact that she is my dependent. She has numerous health problems, both mental and physical, and in order to get her settled with the care she needs, I am currently attempting to sell my parents' home near Seattle. Consequently, I spend my spare time managing the sale of the home, negotiating my mother's stay with family in India, and coordinating her healthcare and future options. Combined with the stress that this situation and her mental health problems cause, I am unable to deal with the additional stress created by having to hide the supportive relationships in my life with other women.

4. Considering all of these circumstances, I do not foresee myself being able to honestly, openly and successfully fulfill my duties as an officer while being forced to conceal who I am. The past month has reinforced for me how difficult it will be to conceal my sexuality and my future relationships, as well as the stress that my attempts to do so will cause. Thus, while I am willing to serve my country, it must be openly.

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5. I do not want to face discrimination if I choose to act on my sexual orientation. However, due to Congress and the military's laws, regulations, and policies regarding homosexual conduct, I understand that the military is required to discharge me because of my honesty about my sexual orientation. I understand that I am to receive a discharge consistent with my service record of the same type that I would receive if I were being discharged for any non-punitive reason (such as hardship).

6. I also understand that under the "Don't Ask. Don't Tell. Don't Pursue. Don't Harass," military regulations, directives, and policies, I am not to be asked questions about sexual behavior [Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness) Memo, 12 August 1999: Implementation of Recommendations Concerning Homosexual Conduct Policy], and that you will act to prevent any harassment or other discrimination against me while my discharge is being processed.

7. I would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

ROBIN R. CHAURASIYA, 1LT, USAF
M/ACCC Crew Commander

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTEENTH AIR FORCE (AMC)
SCOTT AFB ILLINOIS 62225

22 DEC 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR 375 AMW/CC

FROM: 18 AF/CC

SUBJECT: Decision to terminate discharge action against First Lieutenant Robin R. Chaurasiya,
375 CSPTS, Scott AFB, Illinois

I reviewed and considered the evidence and recommendations in the attached notification of administrative discharge package. Based on this evidence, I am terminating this discharge action. Given the facts and circumstances, I do not find the evidence provided credible information to support a homosexual discharge. Lt Chaurasiya is a valuable asset to the Air Force and will be retained on active duty to fulfill her service commitment.

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ROBERT R. ALLARDICE
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commander

APPENDIX C

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTEENTH AIR FORCE (AMC)
SCOTT AFB ILLINOIS 62225

25 FEB 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR 375 AMW/CC

FROM: 18 AF/CC

SUBJECT: Decision to terminate discharge action against First Lieutenant Robin R. Chaurasiya,
375 CSPTS, Scott AFB, Illinois

I reviewed and considered the additional evidence in this matter, consisting of a certificate uniting Lt Chaurasiya in a Civil Union with a person of the same gender, and the current recommendations in the attached notification of administrative discharge package. Based on the evidence, I am terminating this discharge action. Although there is evidence to support a homosexual conduct discharge under AFI 36-3206, paragraph 3.3, I find credible evidence that Lt Chaurasiya made her statements and took subsequent actions for the purpose of avoiding or terminating military service. I further find that Lt Chaurasiya is a valuable asset whose separation would not be in the best interests of the Air Force. Therefore, in accordance with paragraph 3.3.5 of the AFI, Lt Chaurasiya will be retained on active duty to fulfill her service commitment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Allardice", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT R. ALLARDICE
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commander