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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Steve Robinson, Director of Veteran Affairs, Veterans for America, 1025 Vermont Avenue, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20005

SUBJECT: Review of Fort Carson Cases

- 1. This memorandum follows up on your request for a record review of selected cases from Fort Carson. We have carefully reviewed the cases that you provided: SPC Davis, Corey; PVT Davis, Mickey; PFC Harvey, Jason Johnathan; PVT Jennings, Tyler, SPC Morris, James; PFC Sinak, Melissa; SPC Town, Johnathan; and SGT Duncan, Jonathan.
- 2. We asked Fort Carson to review each case carefully and provide us a treatment summary. There is clear evidence that these cases were thoughtfully and thoroughly evaluated and reviewed by both the behavioral health system and command. The behavioral health providers did thorough assessments and appropriately referred the Soldier for substance abuse and behavioral health treatments. In several cases, the Soldier declined referrals or went to Military One Source. By design, Military One Source has no feedback mechanism, so we have no information on those cases.
- 3. It is certainly possible that there are cases of Soldiers with symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury that were not diagnosed or treated. We appreciate your attention to these critical issues to help ensure our Soldiers continue to receive appropriate care and treatment.
- 4. Point of contact for this memorandum is COL Elspeth C. Ritchie, at (703) 681-1975, or elspeth.ritchie@us.armv.mil.

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