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DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION, AND DEFENSE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE ARMED FORCES (DAC-IPAD)

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PUBLIC MEETING

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FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2019

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The Committee met at One Liberty

Center, Suite 1432, 875 North Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia, at 11:00 a.m., Ms. Martha Bashford, Chair, presiding.

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PRESENT:
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Ms. Martha S. Bashford, Chair*
Major General Marcia M. Anderson, USA (Ret.)*
Hon. Leo I. Brisbois*
Mr. A.J. Kramer*
Ms. Jennifer Gentile Long*
Mr. James P. Markey*
Dr. Jenifer Markowitz*
Brig. Gen. James R. Schwenk, USMC (Ret.)*
Ms. Meghan A. Tokash*

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SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES:

Major Jane Male, U.S. Air Force* Ms. Janet Mansfield, U.S. Army* Mr. Stephen McCleary, U.S. Coast Guard* Major Blake Peltz, U.S. Marine Corps*

*Present via teleconference

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2	11:05 a.m.
3	MR. SULLIVAN: All right. This
4	meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on
5	Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual
6	Assault in the Armed Forces is opened.
7	I'm Dwight Sullivan, the Designated
8	Federal Officer for the Committee.
9	Ms. Bashford, you have the time.
10	CHAIR BASHFORD: Thank you, Mr.
11	Sullivan.
12	Good morning to everybody. I'd like
13	to welcome the members and everyone in attendance
14	to the 12th meeting of the Defense Advisory
15	Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and
16	Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces, or
17	the DAC-IPAD.
18	Of the 15 Committee members, eight are
19	presently participating this morning and a ninth
20	should be joining us. Since we're all
21	participating by phone, when I say your name,
22	please identify that you're here.

1	Major General Marcia Anderson?
2	MG ANDERSON: Here.
3	CHAIR BASHFORD: Judge Leo Brisbois?
4	JUDGE BRISBOIS: Here.
5	CHAIR BASHFORD: Mr. A.J. Kramer?
6	MR. KRAMER: Here.
7	CHAIR BASHFORD: I think we're missing
8	Chief McKinley at the moment.
9	Mr. Jim Markey?
10	SGT MARKEY: Here.
11	CHAIR BASHFORD: Dr. Jen Markowitz?
12	DR. MARKOWITZ: Here.
13	CHAIR BASHFORD: Brigadier General
14	James Schwenk?
15	BGEN SCHWENK: Here.
16	CHAIR BASHFORD: Ms. Meghan Tokash?
17	MS. TOKASH: Here.
18	CHAIR BASHFORD: And I'm Martha
19	Bashford, and I'm here.
20	Did somebody just join us?
21	(No response.)
22	Did I miss anyone?

1	(No response.)
2	Okay. The DAC-IPAD was created by the
3	Secretary of Defense in accordance with the
4	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
5	Year 2015, as amended. Our mandate is to advise
6	the Secretary of Defense on the investigation,
7	prosecution, and defense of allegations of sexual
8	assault and other sexual misconduct involving
9	members of the Armed Forces.
10	Today's meeting is being transcribed.
11	The complete written transcript will be posted on
12	the DAC-IPAD website.
13	The purpose of today's meeting is to
14	conduct final deliberations and vote to approve
15	the 2019 DAC-IPAD Annual Report. We will also
16	discuss our next steps as a Committee.
17	Each public meeting of the DAC-IPAD
18	includes a period of time for public comment.
19	We've received no such request for today's
20	meeting.
21	With that, we'll begin our
22	deliberations on the 2019 report. I will hand it
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over to our Director, Colonel Steve Weir, to 1 2 start us on the deliberations review of all the updates to the report or any that people have. 3 4 Thank you, Steve. Take it away. Good morning, everyone. 5 COL WEIR: Thank you for participating this morning. 6 As you recall, in the January 19th 7 8 public meeting we did most of the heavy lifting 9 for the report where we voted on the findings and recommendations and went over that report in 10 11 great detail. 12 What I'm going to do right now is turn 13 it over to Julie, who's been tracking the latest 14 changes, and she will go over that with you and we'll have further discussion, if needed. 15 16 Thank you. 17 Julie? 18 MS. CARSON: Okay. So, after the 19 January 25th public meeting deliberations, we 20 incorporated the revisions to the report and sent out a Draft Version 2.0 on February 8th and asked 21 members to submit any edits to us, which we have 22

incorporated and sent back out Version 3.0, which we are deliberating on today.

So, I am just going to walk you 3 4 through the things substantively that changed in 5 the report. And it starts with page 24 of Version 3.0, which has at the top two charts, 6 7 "Status of Case Reviews as of February 5, 2019". 8 Just the note is: that has been added. That 9 information was not in Version 2.0, and it shows how many of the total amount of investigative 10 11 cases there are to review, how many have been 12 reviewed, and how many are left as of, I believe, 13 February 5th. 14 CHAIR BASHFORD: Okay.

15 MS. CARSON: Next is page 28. You 16 were provided in Version 2.0 with two different 17 charts on the Command decision, making one that 18 identified all of the results by unanimous 19 decisions versus majority decisions and one chart 20 that consolidated everything together with the 21 majority reasonable/the majority unreasonable. 22 Based on the input, we've put in, I believe it

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was option 2, and footnoted in footnote 33 the 1 2 information that breaks it down by unanimous versus majority of reviewers. 3 4 MS. PETERS: Footnote 43. 5 MS. CARSON: Forty-three. Whatever I said, I don't --6 Does anybody have any questions or 7 8 comments on that edit? 9 (No response.) 10 If not, we'll move on to page 32. And based on the deliberations on the 25th, there 11 12 were two columns added for the cases in which no 13 penetrative charge was preferred and cases in 14 which penetrative charge was preferred. And then, another chart was added on page 33, which 15 16 is the duration of investigations. Are there any comments or issues with 17 18 those? 19 (No response.) 20 Okay. The next change is page 34. 21 That's one more chart that was added. No, a footnote was added to that chart. Because the 22

numbers as you'll see, the N equals 97 and N
equals 37 are not totaling the 164 cases, a
Committee member noted that and asked why. So,
we've added footnote 50 which explains that, in
the case files, only 97 out of 122 no action
cases had documentation sufficient to identify
the time elapsed, and only 37 out of the 42
preferred cases had sufficient documentation.
That's why they don't total 164.
Are there any questions on that?
(No response.)
Okay. The next change is on page 36.
And this section and the charts have been added
following the presentation by Dr. Bill Wells.
So, this data is information that he presented at
the January 25th meeting. That is Section D on
page 36, "The Victim-Subject Relationship". And
the charts on page 36 and 37 were added.
CHAIR BASHFORD: This is not tracking
with yours. I'm showing that as on page 35 and
continuing to 36.
MS. CARSON: Yours might have printed

1 off differently. 2 CHAIR BASHFORD: Okay. It's pretty close. 3 4 MS. CARSON: But it's Section D, 5 "Victim-Subject Relationship". CHAIR BASHFORD: Yes. 6 7 MS. CARSON: And one thing I noted, 8 looking over it this morning, the first chart, 9 "Relationship of Victim to Subject," doesn't have an N equals 164. So, I noted that on there. 10 We'll add that in. 11 12 CHAIR BASHFORD: Okay. 13 MS. CARSON: Well, there was one internal issue we mentioned as a staff. 14 There's 15 not a spouse category. But we don't have Kate 16 Tagert here or Bill on the line. 17 MS. POWELL: Dr. Wells may be on the 18 line. Dr. Wells, are you on? 19 I don't think we could 20 MS. CARSON: join until one o'clock. 21 22 MS. POWELL: No, he said he could join

1 prior to that. 2 MS. CARSON: Oh, okay. But I can't speak to Dr. 3 MS. POWELL: 4 Wells' charts, unfortunately. 5 MS. CARSON: Okay, okay. Well, we'll leave it as it is and send out any information 6 7 that we can get from Kate or Dr. Wells after the 8 fact. 9 But there was a question raised about why spouse isn't on there; it's just an intimate 10 11 partner. 12 Hi. Did someone just join? MS. GENTILE LONG: 13 Hi. It's Jen Long. 14 I just got out of class. 15 Hi. MS. CARSON: Great. Okav. 16 CHAIR BASHFORD: Welcome. 17 MS. GENTILE LONG: Thank you. 18 MS. CARSON: We are reviewing the 19 report. We're currently on page 36. 20 MS. GENTILE LONG: I'm walking. So, 21 I'll just listen. 22 (Laughter.)

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1	MS. CARSON: Okay. You'll just
2	listen? Okay. Excellent.
3	The next change is on page 41, on
4	Section 5, that says "Investigator Discretion".
5	In Version 2.0, when it was presented on the 25th
6	of January, it also had a section on the length
7	of investigations. Because that wasn't really an
8	issue that was developed with substantive
9	information yet, it was decided to hold that
10	until the 2020 report. So, that language was
11	deleted from the title of Section 5. A paragraph
12	on the discussion was deleted.
13	And also, what used to be Finding No.
14	3 was deleted. I can read the Finding No. 3 if
15	anybody wants me to, but it essentially didn't
16	make a complete finding on the length of okay,
17	the finding said:
18	"In some cases in which the accused is
19	not prosecuted for the penetrative sexual
20	offense, investigations are taking about six
21	months to complete. Lengthy investigations often
22	have significant negative consequences for

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accused Service members as well as victims." 1 2 The issue with that finding is it doesn't connect six months to lengthy 3 4 investigations. The statement should be made, if 5 it's going to be a finding, that six months is a 6 lengthy investigation or too long for an 7 investigation, and that connection wasn't made. 8 So, from the input that we received, we 9 considered it a better idea to just remove the finding all together, when more analysis might be 10 11 made at the 2020 report. 12 Is there any comment or concern with 13 that removal? 14 (No response.) 15 Hearing none, we will accept Okay. 16 that and move to the next change, which is on 17 page 45. 18 This is the addition of the chart that 19 was presented by Dr. Wells on January the 25th, 20 the case disposition terms most commonly utilized 21 across organizations for cases in which no action 22 was taken. We did change -- there were longer

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1	terms, I believe, and we changed it to just other
2	terms because they were terms that hadn't been
3	discussed by the Committee before. So, that's
4	the only change that was made to that chart.
5	Are there any questions about adding
6	that chart? Is everyone satisfied that it should
7	be added? Or are there any questions?
8	(No response.)
9	Okay. Hearing none, we'll move on and
10	we will continue to include the chart.
11	The next is on page 47-48. The first
12	point is on page 47, Section D, "Findings and
13	Recommendations". This is, it starts with
14	Finding 4, but because we've deleted Finding 3,
15	that will actually have to be renumbered now as
16	Finding 3. So, we'll follow through the rest of
17	the report with that numbering change. I just
18	wanted to point that out.
19	And then, to Recommendation 1. We've
20	added in each recommendation that it's to the
21	Secretary of Defense. We've also added the
22	language that will include the Coast Guard. The

Coast Guard's preferred language for that is "the 1 2 Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard when not operating as a service 3 4 in the Navy". So, we added that as a 5 parenthetical where we have a recommendation made to the Secretary of Defense. 6 Are there any questions about doing 7 8 that or any disagreement with adding that in? 9 (No response.) 10 Okay. Hearing none, we will move on. 11 CHAIR BASHFORD: They're very touchy, 12 aren't they? 13 (Laughter.) 14 The last is, let's see, MS. CARSON: page 63. We just did very slight wording tweaks. 15 16 None of it changed the substantive meanings. Ι 17 can read the tweaks, but they're very minimal for 18 Findings 13, 14 -- no, 13 and 15, and the 19 recommendation. 20 One thing I did note in Recommendation 21 3 we say "Military Services" where elsewhere we 22 say "Services". So, I'll go ahead and change,

1	take out the "Military" there, unless anyone has
2	a preference to keep it in.
3	(No response.)
4	If no one has any questions about
5	that, I will move. There's one other part I
6	would like to note, and that is in Chapter 3
7	regarding Article 140A. At the time of the
8	meeting on January 25th, you had just received a
9	response from the Department of Defense, Office
10	of General Counsel, Mr. Paul Koffsky, to this
11	recommendation letter that was provided to the
12	Office of General Counsel in September of 2018.
13	So, we added Section 5 on page 93 titled, "DoD
14	Response to DAC-IPAD Recommendations Regarding
15	Article 140A UCMJ," where we summarized the
16	contents of that letter, and the letter is also
17	added as an appendix to the report.
18	Then, added a Section 6 on page 94,
19	Article 140A, "Standards and Criteria Issued by
20	the General Counsel of the Department of Defense
21	on December 17, 2018". This is the "Standards

and Criteria" that was required by January of

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1	2019. When Mr. Koffsky sent the DAC-IPAD the
2	response, he attached this memo and the
3	"Standards and Criteria". So, we have attached
4	those as well as an appendix.
5	And Section 7, "Discussion and
6	Assessment of Article 140A Standards and Criteria
7	Prescribed by the Department of Defense," we
8	added the following assessment:
9	"The Committee is very pleased that
10	DoD is open in the future to further evaluation
11	and consideration of its recommendation of a
12	centralized, document-based, military justice
13	data collection system. The Committee will
14	continue to collect and analyze sexual assault
15	case adjudication data until its term ends, and
16	is hopeful that the Military Justice Review Panel
17	will continue and expand the Sexual Assault Case
18	Adjudication Project."
19	Are there any comments or issues with
20	that assessment?
21	MR. SULLIVAN: Ms. Carson, if I could
22	just note there's a small issue with regard to
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Mr. Koffsky's title. It should be "Senior Deputy 1 2 General Counsel and/or Deputy General Counsel for Personnel and Health Policy". 3 4 MS. CARSON: Okay. Thank you. 5 MR. SULLIVAN: All right. That just adds a little 6 MS. CARSON: 7 bit more. 8 (Laughter.) 9 That is the last of the Okay. 10 substantive changes to the report. 11 CHAIR BASHFORD: I think we need to, 12 then, take a vote. 13 MS. CARSON: Let me add one more 14 thing, if I could. 15 CHAIR BASHFORD: Yes. 16 MS. CARSON: If you will look at the 17 Table of Contents on page 4, the last part is 18 appendixes. There are 19 of them, most of which 19 -- you have seen everything before. It's the 20 letters; it's the statutes, the Charter, the list 21 of members. The two I want to point out are Appendix G, which is Dr. Wells' report, the 22

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"Statistical Report on Sexual Assault 1 2 Investigations: Results from a Sample of 164 Cases Closed in Fiscal Year 2017," and Appendix 3 4 I, which is the case adjudication database which 5 is discussed in Chapter 2, the data in Chapter 2. This is the appendix with the detailed charts 6 7 called "Demographic and Adjudication Data of 8 Sexual Offenses Recorded in the DAC-IPAD Case 9 Adjudication Database". So, we'll be sending today all of 10 11 those appendixes to you to review, but I wanted

to note those are the ones you've not seen before. If you could respond when you receive that, just that you've received it and you have no -- if you have any issues with it, let us know. If you're fine with the appendixes, let us know.

18 CHAIR BASHFORD: Great. Then, I think
19 we need a motion to approve the 2019 Annual
20 Report, subject to a couple of revisions we
21 mentioned about renumbering the findings.
22 MS. MANSFIELD: Ma'am, this is Janet

Mansfield from the Army. I apologize for 1 2 interrupting, but could I ask two questions about two of the new charts? 3 4 CHAIR BASHFORD: Sure. 5 MS. MANSFIELD: Thanks. Thanks for 6 that. 7 So, on page 19, when, essentially, 8 we're looking at a prosecution rate for the 9 penetrative sexual assault cases, Julie, does that include no probable cause cases in your 10 11 denominator, where an attorney said there was not 12 probable cause? 13 MS. PETERS: No. It's just the --14 MS. CARSON: No, this is cases --15 MS. MANSFIELD: This is 16 investigations, correct? 17 MS. CARSON: This is investigations. 18 So, this is whether or not there were charges 19 preferred --But this is a result 20 MS. MANSFIELD: 21 of no probable cause opined, investigations that resulted in a probable cause opined or 22

investigations that just were completed? 1 2 MS. CARSON: Oh, are you talking about 3 on page 19? 4 MS. MANSFIELD: Uh-hum. 5 The 2,055? MS. CARSON: 6 MS. MANSFIELD: Yes. 7 MS. PETERS: It does include --8 MS. CARSON: That includes every 9 completed investigation of a penetrative sexual assault allegation or complaint. 10 11 MS. MANSFIELD: Is there any way for 12 you to clarify, somewhere in a footnote or something, that this would have included cases in 13 14 which there was a no probable cause opined from 15 the attorney --16 MS. CARSON: Okay. If you want to 17 look, also, in the appendix, it's RFI 5 that has 18 the detailed request that was made to the MCIOs. 19 So, you can see exactly what was asked for from 20 them. 21 MS. MANSFIELD: Okay. I'm just 22 concerned that in the report we're not clarifying

upfront, when we're calculating what's 1 2 essentially a prosecution rate, we are considering cases that have no probable cause 3 4 opined report on to the commander. 5 MS. CARSON: Okay. Okay. So, a footnote to this chart that indicates that? 6 7 MS. MANSFIELD: Perfect. Thank you. 8 MS. PETERS: And, Janet, this is 9 Yes, this definitely includes Meghan Peters. cases in which a prosecutor opined there was no 10 11 probable cause. 12 MS. MANSFIELD: Okay. Thank you for 13 that, Meghan. 14 Then, the second question I have is 15 page 24 of that chart. So, when we're talking 16 about the non-judicial punishment for penetrative 17 sexual assault, Steve, I think these are the ones 18 we've been clarifying for you that there was not actually a penetrative charge on the non-judicial 19 20 punishment; that because there was insufficient 21 evidence to go forward with the penetrative 22 sexual assault, the underlying misconduct was on

1	the NJP. Is it possible to clarify that in some
2	way?
3	MS. CARSON: That's in the substance
4	of the chapter.
5	MS. MANSFIELD: Okay.
6	MS. CARSON: Let's see, if you look
7	at
8	MS. MANSFIELD: Just the way the chart
9	reads, it looks like the Army has 17 Article 15s
10	for rape.
11	MS. CARSON: Well that is what the
12	MCIOs provided. But they provided their yes,
13	they provided their information to us by what
14	they reported as the case disposition.
15	MS. MANSFIELD: Okay.
16	MS. CARSON: And that's something that
17	we've identified now in the larger pool of cases,
18	that that case disposition is not necessarily the
19	penetrative sexual assault case disposition.
20	MS. MANSFIELD: Right.
21	MS. CARSON: So, it is discussed in
22	the report itself. If you think it's not clear

1	enough it's in the methodology. Let's see.
2	MS. MANSFIELD: I'm just looking for
3	another place to throw it in that's closer to the
4	chart.
5	BGEN SCHWENK: Yes, this is Jim
6	Schwenk. I think that's a good point. If the
7	Army, through the MCIO CID, gave us 17, and then
8	later, the Army, through the TJAG, told us, no,
9	17 is too high, it's some lesser number, then it
10	seems to me we ought to put an asterisk right
11	there in the chart and drop a footnote that says
12	exactly that: we got 17 from the MCIOs. Later,
13	the Army told us it was whatever number it
14	was, or put the right number up there. And then,
15	down in the footnote say, we initially got 17,
16	but the Army told us that was wrong. We've now
17	corrected it to the correct number.
18	This points out the problem that that
19	highlights about the inaccuracy of case
20	disposition information in the investigative
21	files.
22	MS. MANSFIELD: Yes. Thank you.

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1	BGEN SCHWENK: It seems to me we ought
2	to do something like that.
3	MS. CARSON: Okay. And let me just
4	point you to where it is in the methodology, just
5	so you'll know. On page 19, if you look at the
6	first full paragraph that explains what the
7	DAC-IPAD did when it received the RFI
8	responses
9	MS. MANSFIELD: Got it.
10	MS. CARSON: So, "The cases were
11	sorted by the Service of the subject and whether
12	or not the disposition of the case involved
13	preferral of charges. The Committee notes that,
14	in cases in which no charges were preferred for
15	the penetrative sexual assault, some other
16	adverse actions, such as non-judicial punishment
17	or admin action, may have been taken against the
18	subject."
19	MS. MANSFIELD: Okay. Thanks, Julie.
20	I see it.
21	MS. CARSON: Okay.
22	MS. MANSFIELD: Thanks very much,

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1	ma'am, for letting me interrupt there.
2	CHAIR BASHFORD: Of course.
3	COL WEIR: Did someone just join?
4	BGEN SCHWENK: But, Julie, I still
5	think we ought to do that with the chart, that
6	the chart ought to have the right number,
7	whatever it is, if we have the right number. And
8	then, we can have a footnote that explains how it
9	was hosed-up.
10	MS. CARSON: Sure. Absolutely. If
11	all of the cases had been reviewed we also say
12	in the methodology the NJP and admin action cases
13	were set aside and not reviewed. So, that
14	analysis hasn't been done yet. That's why this
15	isn't more clear in this report, but I understand
16	the concern. We'll note that in there, but
17	that's why. Those cases specifically weren't
18	reviewed by the members in order to be able to
19	say those aren't correct.
20	DR. CHAYT: Julie, I think construct
21	a footnote annotating that this was action taken
22	based on the investigation

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1	MS. CARSON: Yes, and we'll definitely
2	do that.
3	DR. CHAYT: and not necessarily the
4	penetrative offense.
5	MS. CARSON: Yes.
6	DR. CHAYT: I'll craft that and
7	provide that.
8	MS. CARSON: Yes.
9	DR. CHAYT: Okay.
10	MS. CARSON: Did someone else join?
11	DR. WELLS: Yes, this is Bill.
12	MS. CARSON: Oh, hi. Okay, great.
13	COL WEIR: I think we left off with
14	the Chair. Ma'am, if you want to continue?
15	CHAIR BASHFORD: Yes, I'm losing track
16	of what little there's going to be a couple of
17	changes, one to the numbering of the findings.
18	There will be an extra footnote with respect to
19	one of the charts, and we will be getting the
20	appendices that we have not yet seen to review
21	and get back to you.
22	But, subject to that, does anybody

move to adopt the DAC-IPAD 2019? 1 2 MS. CARSON: But there's one more thing, Chair Bashford. 3 4 CHAIR BASHFORD: What's that? 5 If I may, this will now, MS. CARSON: 6 once it's substantively approved, will be sent to 7 our editor, who will make any editing changes 8 that are not substance-related, just editing for 9 purposes of improving the written quality of the 10 report. 11 Which we welcome. CHAIR BASHFORD: 12 (Laughter.) 13 MS. CARSON: She's done a cursory 14 review of each section as we've gone. But, now 15 that it's finished, she's going to do the really 16 deep editing. 17 CHAIR BASHFORD: So, this would be our 18 final pre-edited draft --19 MS. CARSON: Correct. 20 CHAIR BASHFORD: -- that we'll be 21 approving? 22 MS. CARSON: So, it will be subject to

1 the changes we've discussed today and the editing 2 that will be done by the professional editor. 3 CHAIR BASHFORD: Okay. Is there a 4 motion? 5 **BGEN SCHWENK:** Moved. 6 CHAIR BASHFORD: Second? 7 DR. MARKOWITZ: I second. 8 Okay. CHAIR BASHFORD: And since 9 we're on the phone, I'm going to ask if there's a vote to approve. If people could just say by 10 11 name? 12 So, Bashford, I approve. 13 MG ANDERSON: Anderson, I approve. 14 JUDGE BRISBOIS: Brisbois, aye. 15 MR. KRAMER: Kramer, I approve. 16 DR. MARKOWITZ: Markowitz --17 Markey, I approve. SGT MARKEY: 18 MS. GENTILE LONG: Jen Long. Ι 19 approve. 20 MS. TOKASH: Tokash, I approve. 21 BGEN SCHWENK: Schwenk, approve. 22 Did we miss anybody? CHAIR BASHFORD:

MS. CARSON: Dr. Markowitz? Maybe she
had to go
DR. MARKOWITZ: Sorry, I think I got
lost in the process.
MS. CARSON: Oh, okay.
DR. MARKOWITZ: I approve also.
MS. CARSON: Thank you.
COL WEIR: Did Ms. Long
CHAIR BASHFORD: Okay. So, it's
unanimously approved.
COL WEIR: Did she
MS. CARSON: Yes.
COL WEIR: Okay.
CHAIR BASHFORD: Anything further?
BGEN SCHWENK: And I think we ought to
say, once again, what a great job the staff did
in putting this thing together. I thought it
read real well, and people can draw from it what
they want, but I thought it was quite well done.
So, congratulations to everybody.
CHAIR BASHFORD: Absolutely, yes.
MG ANDERSON: Great job.

1	DR. MARKOWITZ: Very well done.
2	MS. CARSON: Thank you.
3	COL WEIR: What we wanted to discuss
4	now is, since we're finished with the report,
5	talk about what we're going to do in the future.
6	I had a conversation with the Chair about the way
7	ahead.
8	As you all know, we've been working
9	hard to do these case reviews, and now that we're
10	finalizing the report, the staff's major role
11	will be to finalize and review those
12	investigations.
13	The decision was made to cancel the
14	May 17th public meeting. In order to plan a
15	public meeting, it takes a lot of background work
16	to get that off the ground and to hold the
17	meeting, which takes a lot of staff effort. And
18	so, it was determined that the staff's effort
19	could best be utilized in reviewing cases and get
20	those knocked out, those 2,055.
21	So, the next public meeting will be on
22	August 23rd. That allows the staff to finish the

1	case reviews, and it also allows the Case Review
2	Working Group to come here to our offices and
3	review those cases, instead of coming to a public
4	meeting.
5	So, you're welcome to come here
6	anytime, as much as you would like. Get with
7	Amanda and she will set up your travel and
8	lodging.
9	And I know that General Schwenk has
10	been in contact with Kate Tagert about the Case
11	Review Committee's need to review some of those
12	cases.
13	What's come to our attention as the
14	staff and I mentioned this briefly, I think,
15	at the public meeting was either how you look
16	at the acquittal rate or the conviction rate.
17	The conviction rate has been determined to be low
18	based upon what is normal, and how we define
19	"normal" is something we can look into, but the
20	acquittal rate is something that the staff has
21	determined that it would be something that the
22	Committee would want to look into.

1	There's been interest on Capitol Hill
2	about the acquittal rate and why it's so high.
3	And so, one of the things that we would like to
4	do, as the staff, and propose to the Committee,
5	as we start looking into those, the acquittal
6	rates, one of the things or several of the things
7	that we could do, as a staff, is pull the data
8	that we already have in both the Case Review
9	Working Group database and the court martial
10	database, and try to determine if we can bin
11	those cases factually and maybe make a
12	determination of the likelihood of acquittal
13	based upon the factual scenario.
14	If we can have Dr. Wells pull a
15	bivariate or multivariate analysis that will say,
16	in cases where there's alcohol involved, it's in
17	a barracks, a dormitory setting, and both
18	participants have been consuming alcohol, what's
19	the likelihood of acquittal in that case? So, we
20	could do that based upon the databases that we
21	have in-house.
22	The other thing we can do is we've

discussed looking at records of trial, and we've been in discussions with how we can get those and how it best serves us to look at those. A record of trial may or may not indicate what happened at the court martial.

Another idea or possibility to look at 6 is victim declination. We can send out a Request 7 8 for Information to the Services, to their Special 9 Victim Counsels' offices, and try to get back --I know there's no mechanism right now that I'm 10 11 aware of that the Services have, an outbriefing, 12 so to speak, of when the victim leaves or the 13 attorney-client relationship is severed with the 14 Special Victim Special, the reasons why that victim did not want to participate. 15 I think this 16 will be more anecdotal information that would be 17 beneficial to the Committee to determine, once we 18 get that information in, where you guys go with 19 that information.

20 Are they declining to participate 21 because of the length of the investigation? And 22 maybe that goes to further focus or study on the

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1 length of these investigations.

2	How relevant or how important is the
3	Special Victim Counsel's advice concerning the
4	acquittal rate? Is that something that they're
5	looking at? When they say to their counsel, "I
6	see where it's 25 percent conviction rate. I
7	don't want to go through this when the odds are
8	stacked against me like that."
9	So, those are some of the things that
10	we can do through an RFI, just get anecdotal
11	information. And that also lends itself to going
12	to a site, an onsite visit, to ask the SVCs and
13	get some on-the-road, where-the-rubber-meets-the-
14	road information from those SVCs.
15	And the overall acquittal topic also
16	goes into Article 32, which the General Counsel's
17	Office has asked us to look into, as well as the
18	Staff Judge Advocate's advice. So, wrapped up in
19	that overarching acquittal, there's a lot of
20	small pieces to that.
21	And we've been involved and talked
22	about the training piece and what training is

going on in the field out there. But we've 1 2 requested and received what the Services are doing as far as training to incoming Service 3 members in their basic training, whatever Service 4 that may be, as well as their annual training, 5 quarterly training. So, we have that. 6 That may be something that we want to 7 8 ask because we've looked at -- one of our staff 9 members has reviewed some of the voir dire questions that are being answered, or asked, by 10 11 defense counsel. There may be a disconnect 12 between the actual what's in the program of instruction for the training versus what the 13 14 member is actually receiving or hearing. And it sort of reminds me of the 15 16 expedited transfer. Remember the anecdotal, this 17 is being, this expedited transfer process or 18 policy is being used by Service members to get 19 better duty assignments. And I think you all found that that's not the case at all. 20 21 So, maybe part of the training is

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1	you can't consent to sex, may be a myth that	
2	needs to be dispelled more than additional	
3	training. But that's something on a site visit	
4	we could also look into.	
5	But these are just some of the ideas	
6	that the staff have kicked around, based upon	
7	input we have received from the Senate Armed	
8	Services Committee and Senators and	
9	Representatives on the Hill.	
10	CHAIR BASHFORD: This is Martha.	
11	I'm not sure, Steve, that counsels	
12	will be able to tell you why somebody declined.	
13	That might be on an individual basis I would	
14	think that would be privileged.	
15	COL WEIR: Yes, what we were looking	
16	at more is general comments from them, like not	
17	saying that Specialist Susie Smith said this,	
18	where obviously that would be a privileged	
19	communication, but more of these are the five	
20	things that we've been told why victims decline	
21	to participate, and group them like that versus	
22	individuals, just to try to get some handle on	

1 why --2 CHAIR BASHFORD: Sure. COL WEIR: -- victims are declining. 3 Because, obviously, I think -- and we have the 4 5 stat -- I want to say 40 percent are declining to 6 participate. So, that's a big number. And so, 7 trying to figure out why that number is that 8 large may be beneficial to the Secretary of Defense and those on the Hill. 9 And how we go about that, obviously, 10 11 is open for discussion. 12 CHAIR BASHFORD: Okay. 13 COL WEIR: But that would be the 14 staff's --15 So, are you sending CHAIR BASHFORD: 16 out an RFI? COL WEIR: We can do that. 17 That would 18 be the staff's recommendation to the Committee 19 and the Chair, is that we look at the acquittals as our next way ahead; after the case review is 20 21 completed, we look at the acquittals. 22 And then, for the August 20 meeting,

1	we will have or excuse me the August
2	what did I say? the 23rd meeting, that we
3	will be more in tune to looking at the acquittal
4	piece of this.
5	CHAIR BASHFORD: Anybody have any
6	comment on the Director's proposal?
7	BGEN SCHWENK: Yes. This is Jim
8	Schwenk.
9	I think that the Case Review Working
10	Group had pretty much decided that, once we got
11	finished with the work we're doing right now,
12	that we would move on to looking at acquittals
13	and figure out how to do that. So, what Steve
14	said dovetails with our discussions within the
15	Case Review Working Group.
16	I will note that Steve points out two
17	issues that are related, but separate. One is,
18	why do people decline; why do victims decline to
19	participate? Which probably in most cases
20	doesn't have anything to do with the acquittal
21	rate, because they probably declined before we're
22	in the middle of a court. So, it's probably two

related, but separate issues that we would end up
 looking at.

3	SGT MARKEY: And this is Jim Markey.			
4	I think that you make a good point,			
5	General. Why they may have dropped out, and			
6	then, is there a timeline of when they appear to			
7	be dropping out of the process? I think that			
8	would be valuable to see, too, because there may			
9	be something tied into the timing of that.			
10	MS. GENTILE LONG: The only thing I			
11	would say is I think this is a great place where			
12	the research is very helpful on downstream			
13	orientation. Because this is where I don't			
14	know if it was Colonel Weir or Chair Bashford who			
15	talked about maybe decisions made based on			
16	acquittals. It sometimes happens that the panels			
17	don't like this or someone makes a decision or			
18	recommendation based on the next one down the			
19	chain. So, it might be a good time to pull that			
20	and just be mindful of what you might be reading			
21	to see if there is any indication of that, which			
22	I don't know how you're going to find in the			

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documents that you have, but --

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2	COL WEIR: Right now, the checklist
3	that we are working off of, the question of
4	victim participation, yes, no, and then, at what
5	point in the process. So, I would say, just off
6	the top of my head, 95 percent are in the
7	investigation phase. We've got a couple that
8	we've determined, once the case has been handed
9	off, that we'll get a note in the investigation
10	file that says, and this could be even after
11	charges were preferred, that the victim is
12	declining to participate. But that's a smaller
13	number, a much, much smaller number than what we
14	have right now at the investigation stage.
15	I'll toot the Army's horn. They've
16	got a CID Form 570E that the victim fills out
17	that we see in most all of the Army CID files
18	where the victim declines to participate. And
19	that form is signed by the victim, and there's a
20	date certain when that individual has signed that
21	form. So, that's what we found in the
22	investigations so far.

1	But if we could get some anecdotal		
2	information from the SVCs that say that these are		
3	the top five reasons, and then, that would give		
4	us, from that RFI, that would give us an		
5	opportunity to dive deeper into what that reason		
6	may be.		
7	And so, for example, I mentioned		
8	earlier, one of the top five reasons or top three		
9	is length of the investigation. "I just don't		
10	want to put myself through this because the SVC		
11	has told me it might take 18 months." Then,		
12	maybe that's something that the Committee can do		
13	a deeper dive into, as to how you shorten the		
14	process, if it's possible.		
15	But that's all I have, unless you have		
16	anything further.		
17	CHAIR BASHFORD: Well, it would also		
18	be interesting, if we could, if it's possible to		
19	find, were the declinations during the		
20	investigatory stage, how early they come in the		
21	investigatory stage. Because that would relate		
22	back to our discussion of should somebody be		

allowed to re-restrict their report, sort of an 1 2 inadvertent disclosure. If they're deciding on like day three that they don't want to 3 4 participate, but the investigation kind of 5 continues along, it would just be interesting data. 6 7 COL WEIR: Yes, ma'am, we'll see what 8 we can pull. 9 But I think what you'll find is, if the victim declines on day three, the 10 11 investigation does not stop, which I think in 12 most civilian -- and, Mr. Markey, please comment. In most civilian jurisdictions, if the victim 13 14 comes in and says, "I don't want to file a complaint," then that pretty much stops the 15 16 investigation, which seems not to be the case in 17 the military. 18 SGT MARKEY: Yes. This is Jim. 19 But also, one of the things True. that we have been looking at is the use of the 20 21 declination form and how those are presented to 22 victims and the timing of those forms. And

sometimes we have, only anecdotal, that those forms are being used to influence the victim, not -- how they're presented not to perhaps pursue the case. So, I think that would be interesting to look at that practice.

And the other question I had is, when 6 7 you talked about training, are you talking about 8 the individuals involved in the investigation and 9 prosecution, process training, or are you talking about enlisted training for the general 10 population of the military about sexual violence? 11 12 COL WEIR: The latter there, the 13 general training they receive and what the 14 understanding of that training is. 15 SGT MARKEY: Okay. Because I'm 16 curious about training retention of MCIOs, JAGs, 17 of SVCs, and kind of experience level of that. Ι 18 know we've kind of talked about that a few times 19 at some of the meetings as well, and the turnover 20 rate, and how that might impact acquittal or 21 prosecution rates.

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COL WEIR: Okay. I mean, one of the

1 things that we've discussed with the acquittal 2 rate, and trying to figure out how to get a handle on that, is in our discussions with the 3 staff, there was some thought at one point it's 4 5 because the prosecutors don't have the experience to prosecute these crimes. And then, the 6 7 Services have assigned special prosecutors to 8 these cases. You have senior trial counsels who 9 are trying these cases. You've got Deputy Staff Judge Advocates involved. 10

And from my past experience, I can tell you, when I was the Staff Judge Advocate and had a sexual assault case, believe me, that was a high priority for me, and I made sure that the lawyers who were going to be bringing that case to trial were prepared and ready to try the case.

17 So, I think we can get away from 18 looking at, well, this prosecutor only had two 19 years' experience and this was, you know -- but 20 we don't back it up with the senior trial counsel 21 who tried the case, he was a major, she was a 22 major. And so, the level of experience of the

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prosecutor I think is not the issue.

2 If you look across the courtroom and sitting next to the trial counsel's table is 3 defense counsel who is a young captain, what do 4 5 you make of that? These young, you know, the defense counsels are that much better when 6 7 they're peers of the trial counsel? So, I think 8 that the issue becomes evidence. It becomes the 9 standard of beyond a reasonable doubt versus how you got into the courtroom, which is probable 10 11 cause, and the mindset of, you know, when we go 12 back and try to bin these cases, what's the corroborating evidence, if any? 13 Is it the classic "he said/she said," both drinking? 14 So, I think that's probably the focus 15 16 versus looking at the training or the experience 17 level of the prosecutor, because they've got 18 levels and layers above them who are exerting 19 -- I hate to use the word "pressure" -- but 20 exerting, you know, that they need to be well-21 prepared to try the case.

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And I'm sure we could go out, and that

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could be another site visit, and talk to the 1 2 Special Victim Counsel -- or excuse me -- the Special Victim Prosecutors, talk to staff Judge 3 4 Advocates and get what their focus is on these 5 sexual assault cases. Because you have those cases come across your desk as the Staff Judge 6 7 Advocate. Regardless of the Service you're in, 8 you understand the importance of making sure that 9 this is a well-tried case. And so, you put in focus your effort there. 10 11 I don't believe, based upon my 12 experience of that, it's the experience level of 13 the prosecutors. There is something else at play 14 Because, like I said before, you have here. defense counsel who are peers of those trying the 15 16 case and they're defending it. And so, it's not 17 the skill or the experience level. 18 Chair? 19 CHAIR BASHFORD: I think that sounds 20 all fine. And we've been collecting all these 21 different data points originally in the Case 22 Review Working Group to see if there was

1 something predictive about what cases would get 2 preferred or not. I think those same points will be useful when we extend it on further to see if 3 those data points, if there's something there 4 5 that Dr. Wells can use to predict which cases will result in acquittals or which cases will 6 result in convictions. 7 8 COL WEIR: Based on what I've just 9 described as the way ahead, do we get the thumbsup to go ahead and pursue that way ahead from the 10 11 staff? 12 CHAIR BASHFORD: Anybody have any 13 comments? 14 (No response.) 15 I'm going to take lack of comment as 16 approval. 17 (Laughter.) 18 COL WEIR: All right. Well, I don't 19 have anything further here from the staff. 20 MS. TOKASH: Sorry, this is Meghan 21 Tokash. 22 I agree, Colonel Weir. I think

looking at the high acquittal rate is very 1 2 important, especially as a member of this Committee, now that I have a comparative view as 3 4 a federal civilian prosecutor. So, I think that 5 that is a very good direction. I would just ask that maybe we can 6 keep prosecutor training, or maybe not even 7 8 training, but the prosecutor track idea open as a 9 possible reason for the high acquittal rate. Ι don't think that it is personally, from my 10 personal experience, but I just wouldn't want to 11 12 preclude, just shut down that avenue. I mean, if 13 that crops up, then maybe that's a road that we 14 go down and explore. But I just would hope that we wouldn't completely preclude it. 15 16 COL WEIR: Meghan, let me make sure I 17 understand what you're saying. So, you're 18 talking about when the Services decided that they 19 were going to -- and I think it's the Navy, where 20 they were going to say you're going to be a 21 prosecutor for -- that's basically your job. 22 You're talking about that prosecution track, when

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1 you say that? 2 MS. TOKASH: Right. 3 COL WEIR: Okay. 4 MS. TOKASH: So, for example, just 5 based on personal experience, I know when the 6 Army's SVP program was initiated, one of the 7 initiating ideas was that those SVPs would come 8 around and serve SVP tours again. I'm not sure 9 that that's ever happened to date. Maybe it has. Maybe I'm four years removed now and I just don't 10 11 have --12 It has, Meghan. DR. MARKOWITZ: It 13 has. 14 MS. TOKASH: Yes. So, I think that 15 that would be something interesting, then, to get 16 perspectives from SVPs who are serving a second 17 tour, and that sort of thing. 18 COL WEIR: Okay. Definitely something 19 we can look into. 20 MS. TOKASH: Thank you. 21 JUDGE BRISBOIS: Chairwoman Bashford? 22 CHAIR BASHFORD: Yes?

1 JUDGE BRISBOIS: This is Judge 2 Brisbois. I'm sorry, I have to take the Bench 3 for a hearing in five minutes. So, I need to drop off the call. 4 5 CHAIR BASHFORD: Okay. Thank you for 6 staying on this long. 7 JUDGE BRISBOIS: All right. Thank 8 you. 9 COL WEIR: Ma'am, that's all I have. If there's no further comments, I think Mr. 10 11 Dwight Sullivan can close us down. 12 CHAIR BASHFORD: Mr. Sullivan, you 13 have the gavel. 14 (Laughter.) 15 MR. SULLIVAN: Very well. 16 This meeting of the DAC-IPAD is 17 officially closed. 18 (Whereupon, at 11:56 a.m., the 19 Committee was adjourned.) 20 21 22

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