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Dear Dr. Garcia :

On March 14, 1979, I was officially attrited (released) from flight training as an advanced student naval aviator at VT-24, Naval Air Station, Chase Field, Beeville, Texas. After two years of flight training, I was only two weeks away from completing the program and getting my wings when I was attrited. The primary reason that I was attrited was because of poor performance during the Carrier Qualification phase of training. However, there were many unusual circumstances in this case and many false statements with regards to me and my performance that were used to help get me out of the flight program. Also, information in my training jacket about a previous attempt to attrite me from a different squadron (which was illegally conducted) was used to build an even stronger case against me so as to make it easier to attrite me. For this reason, Dr. Garcia, I am writing to you to get your help and advice.

The statements that the Student Pilot Disposition Board wrote against me were for the most part false and yet they were allowed as evidence to be used in determining whether or not I would have been allowed to continue in the flight program. I am thinking now of appealing the case to the Admiral in Corpus Christi who is the Chief of Naval Air Training, even though I have been told that he cannot help me. At this time, no one has really been interested in what I have to say or to investigate the documented proof that I have submitted to substantiate my case. I do in fact have proof that many of the Board statements were false, yet I have not been able to convince anyone of these discrepancies simply because the "word" of the Board members could not be questioned. In fact, even with the proof evident in my training jacket, people have accused me of having a totally different "perspective" of what has actually occurred.

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Dr. Garcia, the case that was built against me and used to attrite me from flight training was very unfair. Also, other students who have had similar problems like mine and even worse were treated much more leniently and given more opportunities to complete the program. I think I was treated very unjust and grossly discriminated against and if all else fails, I would be very interested in pursuing this case through legal channels to help get me reinstated in the flight program and to delete the false statements from my training jacket.

Because you are a civilian, Dr. Garcia, it is almost impossible for me to explain everything that you need to know about this matter in a letter. Therefore, I would very much like to have an interview with you or someone in your office to explain every detail of this case so that you could have a complete understanding of what has taken place. I would also like to show you several forms from my training jacket and show you where and how they are in error.

Dr. Garcia, if there is any way possible that you can help me in this matter, or if you could refer me to someone who might be able to do so, I would deeply appreciate it. Because I am the only minority officer in the entire squadron and because I feel that I was not treated fairly, I would like to pursue this case further eventhough I have been told that it is all over. I hope that we can discuss this matter in the near future and I look forward to meeting with you.

Very truly yours,



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