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RE: **Veteran's Name:** FITZPATRICK, Walter Francis  
**SSN/SN:** \*\*\*\*\*692  
**Request Number:** 2-20985488705

Dear Recipient:

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center. We are pleased to respond to your request for Personnel Records by providing the enclosed documents. This is all we have page for page at our agency.

Separation documents may include the following information: the type and character of discharge, authority and narrative reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, and separation program designator/number. If you require a copy of the separation document that does not contain this information, a "*deleted*" copy must be requested from this Center. A seal has been affixed to the separation document to attest to its authenticity.

The Privacy Act of 1974 does not permit the release of personal information without the authorization of the individual concerned; therefore, if present in the record, personal data pertaining to other individuals have been blacked out in the enclosed documents.

**The original medical record needed to answer your inquiry is not in our files; that medical record is with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).** We suggest that you contact the nearest VA Regional Office to obtain copies of the records. If a claim has been filed with the VA it would be helpful to include the VA claim number when contacting them. You may call **1-800-827-1000** to locate a VA office near you.

If you have questions or comments regarding this response, you may contact us at 314-801-0800 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above. If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, please consider submitting your future requests online by visiting us at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

Sincerely,

  
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Archives Technician (AFN-MC1E)

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17 July 1990

From: Lieutenant Commander Walter Francis Fitzpatrick, USN  
To: Commander, Combat Logistics Group One

Subj: RESPONSE TO LETTER OF REPRIMAND

Ref: (a) Ltr of Reprimand, 7 June 1990  
(b) Record of Trial ICD US v. LCDR Fitzpatrick

1. In response to the letter of reprimand, reference (a), I would like to point out the following facts. It was the testimony of a government witness, Chief Wagner, the detailed MWR officer on board the USS Mars, that it was his suggestion to use MWR funds for the trip to Hawaii and that he advised me that this was an authorized expenditure. See page 53 of reference (b). The Master Chief of the command, PNMC Poasa Fa 'Aite, also testified that he saw a message about an MWR seminar to be held in Pearl Harbor and that he discussed this seminar with Chief Wagner, page 21 and 25 of reference (b).

2. When I used MWR as an excuse to fund a trip of ship's personnel to Hawaii it was because I was informed by my MWR officer that such a trip was authorized. If the convening authority believes this not to be the case then the convening authority chooses not to believe the testimony of the very witnesses called by the prosecution to testify against me.

3. In paragraph three of reference (a) I am reprimanded for the purchase of electronic equipment that was placed in my stateroom and the stateroom of the commanding officer. I would note that the record of trial, page 30 of reference (b), indicates that the commanding officer, Captain Nordeen, authorized the purchase and placement of this equipment. I would also note that Defense Exhibit "D" of reference (b) also establishes that the majority of ships in LOGGRU One currently place MWR entertainment equipment in officer's staterooms. It seems incongruous that I be reprimanded for an action taken by the commanding officer and which is conformance of the tolerated policy of the entire group. Furthermore, contrary to your statement in paragraph (3) of reference (a), I am not aware of any mention

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in reference (b) to my having been "warned" against the distribution of entertainment equipment as was directed by the commanding officer. I would also note that reference (b) demonstrates that a small portion of the total funds was used for equipment placed in my stateroom and that of the commanding officer. Reference (b) also shows that this equipment replaced MWR equipment that was in place even before I arrived on board the ship.

4. I am also informed by my defense counsel that in his discussions with members of the court-martial panel it was disclosed that they did not consider to me guilty of dereliction in reference to the entertainment equipment. I believe this information is also known to your staff judge advocate.

5. I believe that I served the interests of the United States Navy and of the USS Mars well and to the best of my ability. I rely upon testimony of my commanding officer and the command master chief in evaluating my performance on board the USS Mars. Finally I rely upon the performance of the USS Mars while I served as her executive officer. I believe that my judgment, performance and dedication to duty did contribute to the service of the finest ship afloat in LOGCRU I.

*Walter Fitzpatrick*  
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LCDR, USN

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