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Major SCOTT EDWARD RUTTER, Tactics Team Chief, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st of 11th Infantry, Ft. Benning, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Agent R. DION RANKIN of the Macon Resident Agency on April 26, 1995, at Ft. Benning. After being advised of the nature of the investigation and the purpose of the interview, Major RUTTER provided the following information:

Major RUTTER advised that from April, 1990, until October, 1991, he was the Commanding Officer of Company "C," 216th Infantry, First Infantry Division, Ft. Riley, Kansas. RUTTER stated that his unit was deployed to Saudi Arabia in January, 1991, for the Desert Storm Operation and returned to the United States on May 12, 1991.

Major RUTTER advised that one of the soldiers assigned to his company in the 1st Platoon was TIMOTHY MCVEIGH. Major RUTTER stated that MCVEIGH was an excellent soldier and at the time, he would have recommended MCVEIGH for almost any assignment he wanted.

Major RUTTER stated that to his knowledge, MCVEIGH was never in any trouble nor did he have any knowledge of MCVEIGH expressing a dislike for the U. S. Government or any law enforcement agencies.

Major RUTTER advised that MCVEIGH had a number of firearms which were registered with the post Provost Marshal's Office and were kept in the company armory. To the best of his recollection, Major RUTTER stated that MCVEIGH kept a couple of handguns, rifles and a shotgun in the armory. He advised that there was a total of four or five weapons. RUTTER advised that in six months, MCVEIGH may have checked the weapons out one or two times, stating that he was going to the range or target practicing on a friend's property.

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Major RUTTER stated that he had heard rumors that MCVEIGH also kept other guns at the on-post quarters of Sergeant JOSEPH RODRIQUEZ, who now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Major RUTTER advised that he was told about RODRIQUEZ by Sergeant JAMES DALLAS ROCKWELL, retired, who resides in Coldwater, Michigan, and is employed making camshafts for Saturn automobiles in that area. Major RUTTER called ROCKWELL after hearing that MCVEIGH had been arrested in connection with the bombing in Oklahoma City.

Major RUTTER advised that Staff Sergeant RODRIQUEZ was a squad leader in the 3rd Platoon of Company "C," 216th Infantry.

Major RUTTER advised that he replaced Captain GEORGE HUTCHINSON as Company Commander of "C" Company. RUTTER believes that HUTCHINSON is now at the Recruitment Command in Flint, Michigan. RUTTER stated that he was replaced by Captain MARK SAMPSON who he thinks is now a Major at Ft. McPherson, Georgia.

RUTTER advised that other friends and associates of MCVEIGH's included Specialist 4th Class RODNEY FULLER, who appeared to be very close friends with MCVEIGH. Also, Sergeant JAMES HARDESTY, Ft. Riley, Kansas, knew MCVEIGH well. RUTTER felt that MCVEIGH looked up to Sergeant HARDESTY. RUTTER advised that MCVEIGH was also friends with first name unknown (FNU) JIMBOY. JIMBOY was an American Indian who was put out of the Army due to writing bad checks and having an alcohol problem. RUTTER advised that Sergeant HAIME EDWARDS was one of the 20 men who came with the platoon from Ft. Benning and knew MCVEIGH well.

Major RUTTER advised that Sergeant RONALD KAPISE, currently stationed at Ft. Benning, was a friend and social acquaintance of MCVEIGH's.

Others who knew MCVEIGH, according to RUTTER, are FNU HOLMAN from California, FNU HENRY, and WALTER CRAGER. Major RUTTER could provide no further information regarding these individuals.

Major RUTTER advised that the sketch of unknown subject #2 bears a strong resemblance to RODNEY FULLER, mentioned above.