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ALAN RAY THODE, date of birth November 24, 1952, Social Security Account Number [REDACTED], (405) 246-8002, Route 1, Box 1768, in Indianola, Oklahoma 73552, Captain United States Army, who is on terminal leave and will be permanently separated on September 1, 1995, was contacted by Special Agent MICHAEL MARTINEZ, Criminal Investigation Command (CID) United States Army, and Special Agent MARCUS M. WILLIAMS, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Oklahoma City Command Post, regarding orally or written directives he may have received from superiors. THODE furnished the following information:

On August 3, 1995, THODE advised that on April 21, 1995, he was in the hospital visiting with Sergeant MARILYN TRAVIS (a victim of the Murrah Federal Building bombing) watching the news on the television with Sergeant TRAVIS. A photograph depicting TIMOTHY MCVEIGH was shown on the television station they were watching. TRAVIS stated to THODE that she talked with that guy in the Murrah Federal Building a few days prior to the bombing.

THODE advised that he informed TRAVIS that she should tell the FBI that she recalls seeing the individual depicted on the news as TIMOTHY MCVEIGH in the Murrah Federal Building just a couple of days prior to the bombing.

Shortly after the news program went off THODE advised that two FBI Agents arrived to interview TRAVIS. THODE advised that TRAVIS told the two interviewing FBI Agents everything she knew except the day she recalls seeing the individual she believes to be TIMOTHY MCVEIGH. THODE advised that TRAVIS recalled it was on the same day she was in a big discussion with her supervisor BENNIE EVANS, Sergeant.

THODE advised that he would talk with BENNIE EVANS to determine if he could recall what day it was that he and TRAVIS had their discussion.

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Special Agent MARCUS WILLIAMS (FBI):kmf Date dictated 8/5/95
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THODE advised that he departed the hospital and drove over to Capital Hill Recruiting Station to locate TRAVIS's supervisor (EVANS). Upon seeing Lieutenant Colonel CARR (THODE's commanding officer) THODE took it upon himself to make contact with Lieutenant Colonel CARR to bring him abreast of the interview of TRAVIS and the FBI. THODE was informing Lieutenant Colonel CARR that the FBI wanted to know the exact day/dates TRAVIS and Sergeant EVANS had their discussion. THODE began informing Lieutenant Colonel CARR of the interview and was immediately stopped by Lieutenant Colonel CARR where he (Lieutenant Colonel CARR) told that he does not want to hear it. THODE tried to push the issue to Lieutenant Colonel CARR but was again stopped by Lieutenant Colonel CARR with words to the effect of "I don't want you talking about it". THODE advised that he was under the impression by Lieutenant Colonel CARR's statement that he did not want him talking about the bombing to the media but not law enforcement.

THODE advised he was sitting down when First Sergeant (F.S.) LARRY PRICE entered the area where he was. F.S. PRICE began inquiring to him (THODE) about the soldiers and what happened. THODE sat quietly not answering First Sergeant PRICE's questions because of Lieutenant Colonel CARR's statement to him not to talk about the bombing. First Sergeant PRICE inquired again to THODE about what happened to the soldiers. It was at this time that Lieutenant Colonel CARR informed PRICE (none of your business and I do not want you talking about it).

THODE advised that he approached Lieutenant Colonel CARR again outside as he (Lieutenant Colonel CARR) was departing for the day. THODE advised Lieutenant Colonel CARR that he was concerned about his orders not to talk about the bombing to anyone. THODE began informing Lieutenant Colonel CARR that he has already talked to Captain MARTIN LAURENCE about Sergeant TRAVIS's interview with the FBI and how important it was to contact Sergeant EVANS to determine exactly what day/date it was that Sergeant EVANS and Sergeant TRAVIS got into the discussion. THODE continued to stress to Lieutenant Colonel CARR that the day/date could be passed along to the FBI if he (THODE) could get in contact with Sergeant EVANS. THODE advised that Lieutenant Colonel CARR's stated words to the effect of "It's not our job, if the FBI wants information they can go out and get it. You don't get paid to investigate".

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THODE walked back inside the Capital Hill Recruiting Station and directed the two Sergeants on duty that the bombing incident was not to be discussed with anyone including the FBI. THODE advised he did not want the soldiers to get into trouble for talking about the bombing so he directed them not to talk to anyone about the bombing.

THODE advised that he was not directed by Lieutenant Colonel CARR to discriminate to his soldiers that the bombing incident was not to be discussed with anyone. However, he did tell two on duty sergeants.

THODE made contact with United States Army Attorney (PAM SNYDER JONES) to determine if the directive that Lieutenant Colonel CARR told him was a lawful order or not. THODE advised that he recontacted Captain JONES but did not get a response because JONES was trying to obtain an answer from Major FINTON who is her immediate supervisor. THODE informed Captain JONES that it was no longer important to obtain an answer to his question because Sergeant TRAVIS has remembered the day/dates in question and passed that information along to the FBI.

THODE advised that he has been relieved of duty by Lieutenant Colonel CARR since before the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building and will do whatever is necessary to expose how Lieutenant Colonel CARR treats his troops which THODE believes is abusive.

THODE advised that he wrote a two inch thick document to Major General KENNETH SIMPSON about how Lieutenant Colonel CARR has been treating the soldiers. THODE advised that Major General SIMPSON concurred with the findings and recommendations of Lieutenant Colonel CARR's relieving him of duty. THODE advised that he is in the process of appealing Major General SIMPSON's recommendation.