



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT) AND FORT CAMPBELL  
FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY 42223-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

February 20, 2003

Commanding General

Jamie Fellner, Esq.  
Director, U.S. Program  
Human Rights Watch  
1630 Connecticut Ave., Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Fellner:

I write to thank you for providing me with a copy of the Human Rights Watch report and your commentary on the report. I have provided copies of the report to my Staff Judge Advocate and other senior members of the Command so they can familiarize themselves with the issues. I noted with special interest your request that I make clear to all soldiers assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell that their leadership will not tolerate "anti-gay harassment." I want to assure you that I am dedicated to ensuring that all the soldiers assigned to Fort Campbell are treated with dignity and respect and that they are able to serve their nation in an environment free from harassment and any form of negative command climate. In addition, I am always open to your input in regard to how we best foster and maintain a positive environment for our troops to grow and develop as soldiers and citizens.

I read the summaries of the Private Barry Winchell case and the Army Inspector General's Report very carefully. While I am convinced that this needless and senseless death was an isolated event, I am convinced your report raises several important issues, of which leaders must remain cognizant. Primarily, that any form of harassment is wrong, and that leaders must remain in close touch with the issues, causes, and proper responses. I remain convinced that we must place leaders and soldiers at all levels on notice that harassment cannot be tolerated, that it is contrary to our core values and works to degrade everything we hold valuable. I extend my sincere gratitude for your interest in the well being of our most precious commodity, our wonderful and courageous young men and women in uniform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David H. Petraeus".

DAVID H. PETRAEUS  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Commanding