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Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Ms. Annie Laurie Gaylor Co-Vice President Freedom From Religion Foundation P.O. Box 750 Madison, WI 53701

Dear Ms. Gaylor,

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 25, 2011, addressed to Lieutenant General Frank Helmick. Thank you for your correspondence concerning Fort Bragg's support for the Rock the Fort event held on September 25, 2010.

I have reviewed your letter detailing concerns about the support provided to the event by the Army. I am pleased to inform you that all support provided to the Rock the Fort event was in accordance with federal laws and regulations. However, I intend to forward your correspondence through appropriate Army channels for consideration of the 1st Amendment and other policy issues that you have raised.

With regards to support for future events comparable to the Rock the Fort event, Fort Bragg continues to be willing to provide the same level of support to comparable events proposed by non-federal entities.

Sincerely,

Nelson Van Eck, Jr.

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army

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