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From: Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group SEVEN  
To: LCDR (b) (6), USN

Subj: COMMAND INVESTIGATION TO SUPPLEMENT USS WASP INVESTIGATION  
INTO AIRCREW PATCHES WORN DURING POTUS VISIT ON 28 MAY 19

Ref: (a) JAGMAN, Chapter II  
(b) DoDD 1344.10

Encl: (1) LCDR (b) (6), USN, ltr 5830 of 12 Jun 19

1. Pursuant to reference (a), you are appointed to conduct a command investigation to supplement the USS WASP investigation into the "Make Aircrews Great Again" patch worn by HSC-25 personnel at the POTUS visit on 28 May 19, in the enclosure.
2. Investigate the following: (a) Whether the patch violated reference (b), paying close attention to the standard of whether the public would reasonably view the patch as a violation; (b) whether the prior and current COs' approval of the patch (whether it was determined to be official or unofficial) violated reference (b), again, in the reasonable view of the public, (c) whether the prior and current HSC-25 COs authorized, either officially or unofficially, the wearing of the patch, (d) whether the patch was still authorized for wear (in general) on 28 May 19, (e) whether the prior and current HSC-25 COs were aware of the prohibitions on partisan political activity, and, if so, explain how they determined that the patch did not constitute partisan political activity, (f) whether the patch has been prohibited for wear following 28 May 19, including explanation for this decision, and (g) whether the patches that were collected on 28 May 19 have been returned to the Sailors, including explanation.
3. Report your findings of facts, opinions, and recommendations, in accordance with reference (a), in letter form, no later than 9 August 2019 unless an extension of time is granted. If you have not previously done so, read Chapter II of reference (a) in its entirety and reference (b) before beginning your investigation.
4. During the course of your investigation, you may seek legal advice from LCDR (b) (6), JAGC, USN, who can be reached by email at (b) (6)@fe.navy.mil.

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5. By copy of this appointing order, the Administrative Office is directed to furnish necessary clerical assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. W. Kacher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

F. W. KACHER

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