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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER  
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)  
GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Tasking Memorandum for Rapid Reviews and In-depth Investigation

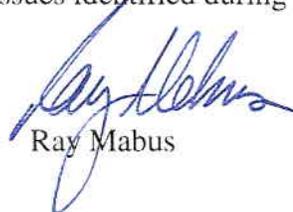
In response to the September 16, 2013 tragedy at the Washington Navy Yard, I directed the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) and the General Counsel of the Navy to conduct rapid reviews of the security clearance processes within the Department of the Navy (DON). Coordinate and report your findings to me not later than October 1, 2013. All DON personnel are instructed to provide promptly whatever assistance and information may be required by the principals or their designated representatives.

First, review the service record, performance evaluations, and security clearance history of former Sailor Aaron Alexis. This review is designed to determine the degree to which his conduct on and off duty in the Navy did or did not meet the requirements for eligibility for a security clearance and fitness for duty. In addition, review whether the DON followed all applicable rules and processes concerning the granting and maintaining of his security clearance when Mr. Alexis was a contractor employee.

Second, review the current processes and requirements for contractors and their employees to maintain a security clearance including any requirement for notification to the appropriate federal authority of derogatory or adverse information concerning their employees.

Third, in keeping with the direction of Secretary of Defense Hagel, review the processes and procedures under which SECRET security clearances are requested, adjudicated, and continuously evaluated within the DON and provide any recommendations for necessary changes.

By separate correspondence, I will direct a broader, in-depth investigation into this incident. The investigation shall address the full range of security, contractor, personnel, and other issues stemming from the incident and will incorporate information from the rapid reviews. The investigation report shall include recommendations to address any policy, policy implementation, lessons learned, or other issues identified during the course of the investigation.



Ray Mabus

cc:  
Chief of Naval Operations