

25 Mar 77

1. On 24 Mar 77 I discussed with Lt Gregory Burks two allegations that Amn Francisca M. Ruiz made against MSgt Theodore Howard and MSgt Leo E. Keiser. Lt Burks stated that Amn Ruiz had confided in SSgt Mary E. Siulc that during the past several days she was expected to provide sexual favors to two NCO's because they were a higher military rank than she was. SSgt Siulc believing this to be a serious matter reported the incidents to Lt Burks, her supervisor.

a. In the first incident, MSgt Howard allegedly entered the women's dormitory, third floor of building 140, and approached Amn Ruiz while she was in the shower. Amn Ruiz stated that she was assaulted by MSgt Howard. Specifically, she was pushed and held by him to the extent that bruises resulted. A knock was heard at the main entrance door at this time and MSgt Howard ran out the other end of the dormitory.

b. In the second incident, MSgt Keiser allegedly asked Amn Ruiz to go to his room with him and if she did not consent, she would be given an Article 15. This incident was to have occurred while she was on duty during a disaster preparedness exercise.

2. I asked Lt Burks to discuss these incidents in detail with Amn Ruiz in the presence of SSgt Siulc and TSgt Antonio Hernandez. I considered TSgt Hernandez' attendance desirable in case any language difficulty was encountered in explaining the situation to Amn Ruiz. Furthermore, Amn Ruiz has often expressed a fear of military rank. Thus, because Amn Ruiz would probably be more comfortable with Lt Burks, I believed there was a better chance that he could gain her cooperation in this matter.

3. I provided Lt Burks with some background concerning Amn Ruiz. I noted that I had a lengthy interview with her shortly after her arrival on site on 8 Dec 76. She revealed to several persons on site that she was coerced and threatened to submit sexually at Sheppard AFB, TX, by persons senior to her in rank. I informed her at that time if anyone approached her in this manner at this site, she should report it immediately to me and that I would take action against the individuals concerned. Also, I informed Lt Burks that although it was not substantiated, there were numerous reports that Amn Ruiz was sexually promiscuous and that she was often the source of information for stories about her behavior. For example, she commented to at least three persons that she was formerly a prostitute and a lesbian.

4. Lt Burks interviewed Amn Ruiz on 25 Mar 77 for a couple of hours as I requested, and briefed me concerning the information he learned and his personal observations and conclusions. He stated that Amn Ruiz did not want to provide further information or make a formal complaint since she did not want to make trouble for anyone, and that if she did make a statement on the subject, everyone would believe she lied

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because of her "former nature." Lt Burks was not certain how factual the two accusations were that Amn Ruiz originally had mentioned to SSgt Siule. Lt Burks felt that Amn Ruiz had a strong distrust and fear for persons of higher rank than her and that she appeared to be overly concerned about whether people were friendly to her and whether she was fully accepted. He could not determine to what extent she would provide sexual favors to gain this acceptance; however, she did imply that it would not take much more than for a person to simply ask her.

  
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