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I counseled Amn Francisca Ruiz on this date concerning her allegations that two NCO's assigned to this site attempted to use their rank to gain sexual favors from her. The background of this matter is included in the attached memo for record.

I encouraged her to make a formal complaint to the Security Police providing complete details on the incidents. I noted that if she had a valid complaint there were two courses of action I could take - either I would direct an investigation by the Security Police or, more likely, I would request assistance from the OSI (Office of Special Investigation). I added that I have the authority to conduct an investigation regardless of whether she makes a formal complaint.

I emphasized to Amn Ruiz that under no circumstances was she expected to provide sexual favors to anyone in the Air Force or, more specifically, at Lockport AFS. It was made clear to her that no one, regardless of rank or position, had the right to coerce or influence her to gain sexual privileges. I added that anyone in violation of the foregoing statement was subject to punishment under the provision of the UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice).

Additionally, I counseled Amn Ruiz on the possible consequences if the statements she made against the two NCO's were false. That is, if the alleged incidents had not occurred as she described or if she exaggerated them, she would also be subject to punishment under the UCMJ.

Aside from the legal implications, I indicated that statements of this nature could lead to other problems. For instance, someone could attempt to resolve the matter by taking violent action against the accused persons or perhaps the accused persons would take legal action against her for making false or unfounded statements.

At this point, I again asked Amn Ruiz whether she desired to make a formal statement to the Security Police or provide me with further information so that an investigation could be conducted. Additionally, I advised Amn Ruiz of her legal rights. She declined to make any further comments in this matter because she did not want to cause problems for anyone.


During this counseling session, I also summarized the advice I had previously given her during my initial in-coming briefing with her. I mentioned that her personal involvement with the male personnel on site was not a matter of my concern or anyone else's concern, but I suggested that for her benefit she should be reasonably discreet since this was a small installation and many persons would be aware of her actions. By discreet, I told her I meant she should not casually discuss her sexual interests with persons who have a tendency



to gossip. I provided her with the example that she informed several persons on site that she was formerly a prostitute. I emphasized that if she was concerned about the image of the female military member, this was not a recommended approach.

Finally, in view of her apparent fear of the control military rank has over her and the manner in which she reacts to that fear, I informed her that I was considering scheduling an appointment with a military psychiatrist or psychiatric social worker. I added that I do not claim to be qualified to make such a diagnosis, but since she was apparently afraid to cooperate within the normal military chain of command, perhaps the medical profession could assist her in coping with her environment.

This counseling session was witnessed by the following personnel: SSgt Mary E Siulc (women representative), SSgt Donald N Johnson (Amn Ruiz' supervisor) and TSgt Antonio Hernandez. TSgt Hernandez served as an interpreter for those statements Amn Ruiz did not understand and presented them to her in Spanish.

  
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The preceding "Record of Counseling" is an accurate summary of the counseling I received on 29 Mar 77. I acknowledge full understanding of the subjects discussed.

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