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From:

Sent:

[REDACTED]
Thursday, November 02, 2006 10:02 AM

To:

Subject:

[REDACTED]
Charles Brady

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2006 12:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Update

Hi [REDACTED]:

I spoke to Chuck's common law wife yesterday for well over two hours. Needless to say, a very difficult interview.

I have a copy of Chuck's final FMC medical evaluation from 2005. As stated before, there are no BHP clinical records but [REDACTED] personally reviewed the selection file and psychological testing.

I have begun to play phone tag with [REDACTED] but will hopefully speak to him later today or tomorrow.

Once this and any other interviews I perform are completed, I will give you a call to brief you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 4:31 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Charles Brady

[REDACTED]

I will talk to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and if OK with them I will contact you. If you'd like [REDACTED] point of view following our discussion, I'm pretty sure he'd be open to this. He was extremely helpful.

This has already been a good learning experience and our group [REDACTED] will benefit from what I have learned, and in turn, CB will as well.

Your suggestion was a very good one and a very important learning experience for me. As long as I am around here I will now have a great deal of more insight into similar issues and potential psychological concerns.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 10:14 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Charles Brady

[REDACTED]

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From:

Sent:

Wednesday, November 08, 2006 11:42 AM

To:

Cc:

Subject:

Former Astronaut Charles Brady (confidential)

[REDACTED]

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I have presented my findings to both [REDACTED]. They have agreed that my doing the same for both of you would be beneficial. The information is highly sensitive and needs to remain confidential (no further distribution beyond you at this point).

I'd suggest meeting in [REDACTED] office at a mutually agreeable time for an hour. There is no rush, of course. This can wait until early JAN if needed as I know you are very busy with STS 116.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:

[REDACTED]
Wednesday, November 08, 2006 12:16 PM
[REDACTED]
Re: Former Astronaut Charles Brady (confidential)

[REDACTED]

Thank you for doing this in addition to your other duties. It is clear from [REDACTED] comments that this was an issue that touched close to home for that cadre. I also think at some point we should meet with [REDACTED] for two reasons: a) so she knows some of the other facts b) so she knows the level of work that your shop did to look into this issue. Not that you need the credit or martyrdom mind you, but I think that CB does not fully recognize the level of effort and support your folks give.

[REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2006 11:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Charles Brady

[REDACTED]

I have requested a meeting with [REDACTED] re this issue. Afterward I will contact you so we can meet. I presented my findings in confidence to [REDACTED]. Both agree that it would be a good idea for me to meet with [REDACTED] and then you as well. Since there is no urgency and [REDACTED] are dealing with STS 116, this may have to wait until after the mission. But even if we cannot meet until early JAN that will be OK as the lessons learned have already been absorbed by our group and the case will remain very fresh in my mind for a long time.

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