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Her Excellency Nikki Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I hope you won't consider this communication presumptuous. I have been a Democrat most of my life, primarily based on social issues, as my father was and still is a Methodist Preacher and felt strongly about the issues of race relations in the 50's, 60's and 70's.

I had the opportunity to work with you in connection with assisting the flood victims and Mr. Richardson's contribution of funds to that effort.

My wife Kathy and I attended a game in Charlotte with you and your very fine family and were most impressed.

I'm enclosing a letter I received from one of the finest men in Myrtle Beach, Lt. Col. Larkin Spivey. He's really something else. He's very much a Conservative and he & I have been friends for many years. He comes from one of the greatest families in the history of our county. The Spivey's have been bankers, real estate developers and philanthropists for over a hundred years here. Larkin, as you will see if you have the time to read this submission, was among many things a great Marine, highly decorated for his activities in Vietnam and other endeavors throughout the course of his military career. He has recently been inducted as a "Knight Hospitaller of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem", a very significant achievement.

He's an author, having completed many successful books involving our Lord, the Military, issues of integrity, moral ethics, etc.

He is very familiar with the difficult issues concerning imbedded terrorism in America. To my amazement, he's interested in providing some service to the current administration.

We were all very thrilled to see that President Elect Trump chose you to fill one of the most significant positions in this country. I felt like the least I could do was pass this information along to you for consideration. I think if anyone takes the time to look into the background of Lieutenant Colonel Larkin Spivey, they would be most impressed and feel like he could provide some assistance to those who are trying to root out this misconduct amongst us.

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Thank you for any attention you can give this matter. I look forward to hearing from you in this regard, at your convenience. Congratulations on a very fine achievement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Brittain", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas C. Brittain

cc: Lt. Col. Larkin Spivey

## **Why I hope to be part of the President Elect's administration:**

**Lt. Col. Larkin Spivey USMC(ret), D.Th.**

The most obvious present threat to America is Islamic terrorism on the homefront. However, the less obvious and greater danger lies is the subversive activity of apparently respectable Muslim individuals and organizations quietly or secretly promoting Islamic jihadism and a long range plan to impose an Islamic caliphate and shari'a law upon the American people. Many of these jihadists have already attained positions of influence within our government and society. The greatest dilemma facing our nation is distinguishing between these jihadists seeking to change our nation and loyal Muslims with no Islamic political agenda. How is the loyalty of America Muslims to be discerned?

No one, including myself, has the complete answer to this question. However, I believe a group of dedicated, patriotic Americans, working together, can help the administration solve this problem. Joseph McCarthy is still a bad word in liberal/progressive circles and the outcry can be predicted if the government attempts to pursue a policy of investigating and interrogating citizens about their loyalty. Even so, I believe that government and law enforcement agencies at the federal, state, and local levels must reenergize their efforts to identify and monitor jihadist mosques, organizations, and individuals. The focus must go beyond violent terrorism to include subversive activity aimed at overthrowing our system of government. This will be a highly sensitive undertaking. I also believe that the participation and support of our loyal Muslim community is important in this effort, and that this support must be sought out and organized.

These efforts and others must be clearly articulated and coordinated at the highest levels of government. My reason for applying and personal mission is to make a contribution to the defeat of Islamic jihadism by working with an appropriate group in the White House, Defense Department, or Department of Homeland Security.

My interest in military history and American values spans the history of our nation. I am knowledgeable of the strategies designed to eliminate state Shintoism in Japan after World War II and to confront and defeat Communist subversion in the Cold War era. I am also aware of the crisis in Europe that has devolved from ignoring this threat. I bring my Christian values, military mindset, and patriotic ideals to this problem in the interest of solutions that are ethical, effective, and constitutional.

At the present time my efforts in this arena are focused on education. My next book, *What Do We Stand For? American Ideals in the War Against Islamic Jihad* has been endorsed by Dr. Sebastian Gorka, who I consider to be the nation's foremost expert on this threat. In this book I state:

*My purpose in explaining the history and transcendent nature of these American ideals is to give my fellow citizens positive reasons to believe in and stand for their nation. It is equally important to understand the threat posed by an ideology that is antagonistic to every one of these values. Islamic jihadists have a long range plan to Islamize America and the patience to pursue that plan for as long as it takes. The only counter to such a threat is an educated American public that understands and opposes this enemy and their evil ideology.*

*America is not at war with Islam. However, we are at war with a broad, undetermined segment of Muslim believers opposed to our way of life and system of government. This war has gone on for a long time and may go on for generations. Our enemies are growing in strength and determination and have*

*proven they will never negotiate a truce. In this war every American is a soldier. There can be no conscientious objectors or draft dodgers. No one stays home while the "boys" go off to do the fighting. The fight has already come here and will keep coming, in the form of terrorism and subversion. Our heroes have always been our military men and women and first responders. More and more they will be ordinary Americans who know what they believe in and who have the moral courage to stand up for those beliefs. I hope and pray that there are enough Americans willing and able to answer this call.*

When commissioned an officer in the United States Marine Corps, I took an oath:

**"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic ..."** I feel this commitment today as strongly as ever.

## **Resume: Lt. Col. Larkin Spivey, USMC(ret), D.Th.**

### **Education.**

The Citadel, graduated in 1961.

Business Administration degree. General High Honors.

Commanded the S. C. Corps of Cadets as the highest ranking cadet.

Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, 1967-68.

George Washington University, Masters in Business Administration degree, 1972.

Phoenix University of Theology, Doctor of Theology degree, God and War, 2016.

### **Military Career Highlights**

Commanded the Marine Detachment, *USS Randolph* during the Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962.

Commanded a Force Reconnaissance Platoon during the Dominican Republic intervention, 1965.

Completed U. S. Army Ranger, Airborne, and Special Forces Officer training, 1964-66.

Commanded Marine reconnaissance and rifle companies in combat during the Vietnam War, 1966-67.

Awarded the Bronze Star Medal with 'V' and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star.

Commanded the Guard Company, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, 1968-9.

Senior Marine Social Aide, The White House, 1969-70.

Executive officer of a battalion landing team in Vietnam contiguous waters 1972-3.

Executive Officer, Naval ROTC Unit, The Citadel, 1980-81.

Top Secret Clearance, including White House.

### **Business Career Highlights**

Licensed real estate broker, the State of South Carolina.

General Manager of a real estate development and management company, 1985 to present.

President and general manager of an award winning recreational vehicle resort, 1984 to 2015.

### **Literary Highlights**

Taught military history as a faculty member at The Citadel.

Published the following books with military history/religious/patriotic themes:

*God in the Trenches*

*Miracles of the American Revolution*

*Battlefields & Blessings: Stories of Faith and Courage from World War II*

*Stories of Faith and Courage from the Korean War*

*Stories of Faith and Courage from the Vietnam War*

*A Skeptic's Guide to God*

*A Skeptic's Guide to God Group Study*

*What Do We Stand For? American Ideals in the War Against Islamic Jihad* (Dec. 2016)

Gold and Silver Medals from the Military Writers Society of America and the Stars and Flags Book Awards.

### **Personal Highlights**

Born in Conway, South Carolina.

Resides in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Married to the former Lani Hillwig of Allentown, Pennsylvania for 46 years, avid Donald Trump fan and supporter since reading *The Art of the Deal* when first published, campaign worker in Myrtle Beach and donor since first announcement.

Four children, ten grandchildren.

Member of Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, former Vestry Member, current Lay Eucharistic Minister, not a member of the clergy.

Invested as a Knight Hospitaller, Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, the Ecumenical Order, 2014.

Trump supporter and donor since the Republican Convention.

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