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MEMORANDUM FOR REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

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SUBJECT: Character Statement for C1C Adam C. DeRito

1. I am currently a First Class Cadet at the United States Air Force Academy.
2. C1C DeRito has been in my cadet squadron since the fall semester of 2007, and he has been my roommate since the beginning of the current spring semester. I see and speak with him everyday both as his roommate and friend.
3. In the time that I have known C1C DeRito, he has demonstrated a remarkable level of dedication. In his role as our squadron's Major Training Events Officer, he was one of a few people willing to enforce standards among fellow First Class Cadets. C1C DeRito is not only willing to enforce standards, but exemplify them. I have never seen cadet DeRito wearing a uniform that can be described as anything less than pristine. Cadet DeRito also understands the importance of physical fitness, and sets an incredible example in that regard.
4. C1C DeRito speaks to me daily about how much he wants to serve in the Marine Corps. I believe that the Marine Corps is the perfect venue for his service. C1C DeRito will be an excellent Marine whether he serves enlisted or as an officer. He sets a high standard of physical fitness for himself, and understands the importance of hard work and discipline. He takes the time and energy to take care of his subordinates, and will accomplish any task he is presented with. He has demonstrated an incredible level commitment to his studies even in the face of his current situation, and has never used personal problems as an excuse to slack off.
5. I highly recommend that C1C DeRito be permitted to first and foremost receive late graduation and stay an extra semester to prove to the Academy all the qualities that I have seen in him throughout my interactions. If he is not granted that option I highly recommend that Cadet DeRito be permitted to resign with an Honorable discharge characterization; go into enlisted service (preferably in the USMC); finish his degree; and be assigned either a "1" or "2" rating on his DD Form 785 which will better enable him to earn his commission from another source in the future. I believe this is not only in the best interest of Cadet DeRito, but of the United States Armed Forces as a whole.
6. I am aware of the circumstances under which C1C DeRito is facing potential disenrollment and/or discharge. Based upon my interactions with him over the last three years, I am confident

that C1C DeRito will rise above these circumstances and will be a valuable asset to the United States Armed Forces if allowed to continue his service in any capacity. Our military needs more people who are willing to set an example of physical fitness, show respect for their uniform, show genuine concern for their subordinates, and confront peers in order to enforce standards. Cadet DeRito fits this description, and our country's military, whether it is in the capacity of the Air Force or the Marine Corps, would only benefit from his continued service.

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