

## EXHIBIT 1F

### September 13, 2004 *CBS Evening News Report*

**Rather:** Besides reporting on Senator John Kerry's Vietnam service record, CBS News has been checking President Bush's service in the Texas Air National Guard including whether he did or did not fulfill his commitment. CBS News has continued to report the story, gathering information, asking questions, and probing. CBS is also addressing questions about documents used to corroborate some of the information in our reporting. Some of these questions come from people who are not active political partisans. It's tonight's inside story.

At a Democratic National Committee press conference today, the shots being fired from some retired military men were aimed directly at President Bush's National Guard service.

**Merrill McPeak:** An official record showed that he skipped a physical and was grounded. Do you know how hard it is to forget your annual flying physical? I took 37 of them in a row.

**Rather:** There has also been criticism of the new documents obtained by *60 Minutes* and CBS News. But CBS used several techniques to make sure these papers should be taken seriously, talking to handwriting and document analysts and other experts who strongly insist that the documents could have been created in the 70s.

**Bill Glennon:** Everything that's in those documents that people are saying can't be done, as you said, 32 years ago are totally false. Not true. Like I said, proportional spacing was available, superscripts were available as a custom feature, proportional spacing between lines was available; you could order that any way you'd like.

**Rather:** Richard Katz, a software designer, found some other indications in the documents. He noted that the lowercase letter "L" is used for the numeral "1" in those documents instead of the actual numeral "1". That would be difficult to reproduce on a computer printer today.

**Richard Katz:** If you were doing this a week ago or a month ago on a normal laser jet printer it wouldn't work. You just couldn't....the font wouldn't be available to you.

**Rather:** Katz also noted that the documents have both the so-called superscript "th" and a regular sized "th," that would be common on a typewriter, not a computer.

**Richard Katz:** There is one document from May of 1972, which contains a normal "th" at the top. To produce that in Microsoft Word, you would have to go out of your way to type the letters and then turn the "th" setting off or back over them and type them again.

**Rather:** CBS News also relied on an analysis of the contents of the documents themselves to determine the content's authenticity. The new papers are in line with what is known about the President's service assignments and dates. For instance, the official

record shows that Mr. Bush was suspended from flying on August 1st, 1972. That date matches the one on a memo given to CBS News ordering Mr. Bush be suspended.

Shortly after *60 Minutes* broadcast the new documents last week, USA Today obtained another new document. In the memo dated February 2nd 1972, Colonel Killian asked to be "updated as soon as possible on flight certifications ... specifically Bush." That could be in line with what documents released by the White House last week show, that in the spring of 1972, then Lieutenant Bush stopped exclusively flying the F-102 and dropped back to piloting a training plane, part of an effort to maintain his flight certification.

CBS News asked the White House today to give direct answers to a number of questions:

Did a friend of the Bush family use his influence with the then Texas House Speaker to get George W. Bush into the National Guard?

Did Lieutenant Bush refuse an order to take a required physical?

Was he suspended for failing to perform up to standards?

And, did he complete his commitment to the Guard?

In reply, a White House spokesman told CBS News today, "As you know, we have repeatedly addressed these issues." These direct questions have not been fully, completely answered. The White House and the Bush-Cheney campaign always point out President Bush received an honorable discharge. What's in the *60 Minutes* report, CBS News believes to be true and believes the documents are authentic.