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Ms. Katie Fallow, Esq.
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Dear Ms. Fallow, Mr. Jaffer, and Ms. Krishnan:

This responds to your letter of July 22, 2020, demanding that your client, Mr. Jordan Uhl, be unbanned from the @AmericasNavy Twitch channel, after being banned on 18 July for repeatedly violating the channel rules.

Mr. Uhl posted the same or a substantially similar message repeatedly over a period of three days, thus violating the channel rule prohibiting spam. Mr. Uhl received two time-outs for spam during the days before he was banned. Unfortunately, in spite of these warnings, Mr. Uhl continued to violate the channel rules. Under these circumstances, the ban was justified.

Your suggestion, however, that we post written policies, to ensure that all our users understand what conduct is prohibited, is well taken. Comprehensive rules are now available on our Twitch channel, and we trust these will eliminate confusion on the part of Mr. Uhl and any other users.

Our intent is to enable all users to engage in civil, constructive dialogue. Therefore, while Mr. Uhl' s ban was appropriate and viewpoint-neutral, as a gesture of good faith, I will honor your request. We will reinstate Mr. Uhl and all other previously banned users, offering them a renewed opportunity to review and abide by these rules.

Please note: by following our channel, users agree to honor our channel rules. Any future violations will be handled in accordance with the posted rules.

My direct point of contact in this matter is my Staff Judge Advocate, Lieutenant Commander Greg Young, JAGC, U.S. Navy, (901) 874-9117, ralph.young1@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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Commander