



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND, PACIFIC REGION
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, HAWAII
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November 23, 2009

Office of the Garrison Commander

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Dear Mr. HIM Yao Sui:

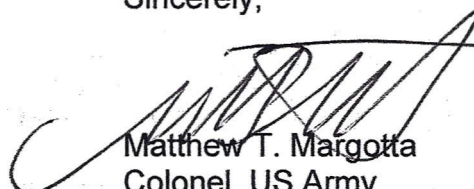
Thank you for taking the time to bring your concerns regarding the inappropriate behavior you feel was exhibited during a recent Bible study service conducted here at Schofield Barracks.

I apologize for not replying to your letter of October 20, 2009 sooner but, due to the seriousness of your charges, I wanted to first have the opportunity to review the results of the full Commander's Investigation I directed into this matter.

This internal investigation has now been finalized and the results of this completely impartial review reflect no evidence of the inappropriate touching or homosexual behavior referenced in your letter. While I am not disputing what you saw and what you perceived as unacceptable behavior, I believe this is more the result of a misunderstanding on your part of the cultural and religious practices commonly observed as part of any Baptist Gospel Service. These study groups and religious services typically include such customs as laying hands on one another, holding hands and arms, and hugging. While such practices could possibly be misunderstood by someone not familiar with the Baptist faith, I can assure you that these are all commonly observed practices and that there is nothing even remotely sexual or otherwise inappropriate intended by them. ..

I regret any misunderstanding that may have arisen and ask that you please accept my sincere apology if you were in any way offended by your recent participation in our religious programs.

Sincerely,



Matthew T. Margotta
Colonel, US Army
Commanding