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The following are memos that formed the basis of a CBS *60 Minutes* report that raised questions about President George W. Bush's Texas Air National Guard service. CBS has since backed away from the report and admitted that it cannot vouch for the authenticity of the documents. Bill Burkett, a former Texas Guard officer who provided copies of the memos to CBS and USA TODAY has subsequently said he lied about the source of the documents.

02 February 1972

SUBJECT: Flight Qualifications

Harris,

Update me as soon as possible on flight certifications. Specifically - Bath and Bush.

JERRY B. KILLIAN

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04 May 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR 1st Lt. George W. Bush, 5000 Longmont #8, Houston,  
Texas 77027

SUBJECT: Annual Physical Examination (Flight)

1. You are ordered to report to commander, 111 F.I.S., Ellington APB, not later than (NLT) 14 May, 1972 to conduct annual physical examination (flight) LAW AFM 35-13.
2. Report to 111<sup>th</sup> F.I.S. administrative officer for schedule of appointment and additional instructions. Examination will be conducted in duty status.

  
TERRY B. KILLIAN  
Lt. Colonel  
Commander

19 May 1972

Memo to File

SUBJECT: Discussion with Bush, 1 st Lt Bush

1. Phone call from Bush. Discussed options of how Bush can get out of coming to drill from now through November. I told him he could do ET for three months or transfer. Says he wants to transfer to Alabama to any unit he can get in to. Says that he is working on another campaign for his dad.
2. Physical. We talked about him getting his flight physical situation fixed before his date. Says he will do that in Alabama if he stays in a flight status. He has this campaign to do and other things that will follow and may not have the time. I advised him of our investment in him and his commitment. He's been working with staff to come up with options and identified a unit that may accept him. I told him I had to have written acceptance before he would be transferred, but think he's also talking to someone upstairs.


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01 August 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Bush, George W. 1st Lt. 3244754FG  
Suspension of Flight status

1. On this date I ordered that 1st Lt. Bush be suspended from flight status due to failure to perform to USAF/TexANG standards and failure to meet annual physical examination (flight) as ordered.
2. I conveyed my verbal orders to commander, 147th Ftr Intrep Gp with request for orders for suspension and convening of a flight review board IAW AFM 35-13.
3. I recommended transfer of this officer to the 9921st Air Reserve Squadron in May and forwarded his AF Form 1283 to 147th Ftr Intrep Gp headquarters. The transfer was not allowed. Officer has made no attempt to meet his training certification or flight physical. Officer expresses desire to transfer out of state including assignment to non-flying billets.
4. On recommendation of Harris, I also suggested that we fill this critical billet with a more seasoned pilot from the list of qualified Vietnam pilots that have rotated. Recommendations were received but not confirmed.

  
JERRY B. KILLIAN  
Lt. Colonel


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24 June, 1973

Subject: Bush, George W. 1 st Lt. 3244754FG

Sir:

1. I got a call from your staff concerning the evaluation of 1 st Lt. Bush due this month. His rater is Lt. Colonel Harris.
2. Neither Lt. Colonel Harris or I feel we can rate 1 st Lt. Bush since he was not training with 111 F. I. S. since April, 1972. His recent activity is outside the rating period.
3. Advise me how we are supposed to handle this.

  
JERRY B. KILLIAN  
Lt. Colonel

18 August 1973

Memo to File

SUBJECT: CYA

1. Staudt has obviously pressured Hodges more about Bush. I'm having trouble running interference and doing my job. Harris gave me a message today from Grp regarding Bush's OETR and Staudt is pushing to sugar coat it. Bush wasn't here during rating period and I don't have any feedback from 187<sup>th</sup> in Alabama. I will not rate. Austin is not happy today either.
2. Harris took the call from Grp today. I'll backdate but won't rate. Harris agrees.