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SUBJECT: Conversation with Christopher Buckley
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I recently had a conversation with Christopher Buckley concerning a feature story he is doing for Esquire magazine on the VVMF. The topic of our conversation was a recent talk he had with James Webb, Assistant Secretary of Defense. He stated that he and Webb discussed the G.A.O. report on the Memorial Fund.

In his conversation with Mr. Webb, Webb stated that the G.A.O. report was done by a former employee of Senator John Warner of Virginia. Webb claimed that the individual who headed the investigative team had previously worked for the senator.

This assertion, of course, is false. The individual in charge of the auditing team, Thomas Sholedice, was a former employee of Arthur Anderson accounting firm.

It was a bit surprising to see Mr. Webb, who at least in part owes his present job to Senator Warner, making such irresponsible comments.

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Buckley also stated that Mr. Webb claimed that Jan Scruggs had penciled in a "valor device" on an award he received in the military. This was proven to be false and I was given the award for gallantry belatedly on May 23, 1984.