UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES

v.

Airman Basic CHRISTOPHER G. FRIDAY United States Air Force

ACM 35373

22 July 2004

Sentence adjudged 10 July 2002 by GCM convened at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Military Judge: David F. Brash (sitting alone).

Approved sentence: Bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 12 months, and forfeiture of \$500.00 pay per month for 6 months.

Appellate Counsel for Appellant: Major Terry L. McElyea and Major Andrew S. Williams.

Appellate Counsel for the United States: Colonel LeEllen Coacher and Captain Matthew J. Mulbarger.

Before

STONE, GENT, and MOODY Appellate Military Judges

PER CURIAM:

We have examined the record of trial, the assignment of errors, and the government's reply thereto. We also reviewed a declaration by the appellant, a declaration from his trial defense counsel, and a 7 July 2002 memorandum from the appellant to his trial defense counsel. The subject of the memorandum is "Pre-Trial Acknowledgment of Advice, Non-Capital Case."

Pursuant to *United States v. Grostefon*, 12 M.J. 431, 436 (C.M.A. 1982), the appellant asserts that his defense counsel were ineffective. We find this issue without merit. *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668 (1984).

Accordingly, we conclude the findings and sentence are correct in law and fact, and no error prejudicial to the substantial rights of the appellant occurred. Article 66(c), UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. § 866(c); *United States v. Reed*, 54 M.J. 37, 41 (C.A.A.F. 2000). On the basis of the entire record, the findings and sentence are

AFFIRMED.

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