

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

UNITED STATES	)	No. ACM 40838 (f rev)
<i>Appellee</i>	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	ORDER
Tanner J. BOWERS	)	
Staff Sergeant (E-5)	)	
U.S. Air Force	)	
<i>Appellant</i>	)	Special Panel

Appellant’s case was originally docketed with the court on 27 June 2025. On 27 January 2026, the court ordered the record of trial be returned to the Chief Trial Judge, Air Force Trial Judiciary, for correction of the audio disc containing the sealed court sessions of Appellant’s court-martial. The court noted that it was unable to access the sealed audio disc because the files were listed as .trm file types that were not in compliance with paragraph 2.2.4.2 of the Department of the Air Force Manual 51-203, *Records of Trial* (21 Apr. 2021, as amended by DAFGM 2026-01, 14 Jul. 2026), which specifically states that “[a]ll digital audio and video media must be in a format playable on the factory installed version of Windows Media® player (e.g., WMV, WMA, MPEG, MP3, AVI).” The Military Appellate Records Branch returned the record of trial, including a corrected audio disc of the sealed sessions, to the court, and the case was re-docketed for further review on 13 February 2026. The case has been fully briefed by the parties.

During the court’s review of the record of trial, it was discovered that the disc containing the open sessions of Appellant’s court-martial contained audio files that are also in a .trm file type that the court similarly cannot access.

Accordingly, it is by the court on this 24th day of August, 2026,

ORDERED:

The record of trial in Appellant’s case is **RETURNED** to the Chief Trial Judge, Air Force Trial Judiciary, for correction under R.C.M. 1112(d) to account for the above-described issue, and any other portion of the record that is determined to be missing or defective hereafter, after consultation with the

parties. R.C.M. 1112(d)(2)–(3).^{*} Thereafter, the record of trial will be returned to this court for completion of its appellate review under Article 66(d), UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. § 866(d).

The record of trial will be returned to the court not later than **8 September 2026**. If the record cannot be returned to the court by that date, the Government will inform the court in writing not later than **3 September 2026** of the status of the Government's compliance with this order. No further briefing will be conducted on this case absent the court's order.



FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jacob B. Hoferkamp".

JACOB B. HOEFERKAMP, Capt, USAF
Deputy Clerk of the Court

^{*} The court observes that there are 220 separate files contained on the disc of the open sessions of Appellant's court-martial and suggests that the audio files be organized in a manner that better facilitates judicial review.