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I see a pattern here...anytime they want to get you, they go after you for travel claim violations. It's happened to me, and to Terri Pike, too. To: Douglas Horne/ARRBcc: From: Irene Marr/ARRB Date: 04/24/98 10:37:12 AM Subject: Fw: AFTimes story The latest chapter in that case I told you about. To: Irene\_marr @ jfk-arrb.govcc: bcc: Irene Marr/ARRB) From: Stevendc @ gateway.net @ INTERNET @ INTERLIANT Date: 04/23/98 08:32:01 PM AST Subject: Fw: AFTimes story Irene, This is the latest article from the Air Force Times. It was in the 20 April 1998 issue, page 27. Give me a call (301) 952-2058 or e-mail back. Jennifer's gonna be in town next week, Tuesday and Wednesday. Steve-----> Subject: AFTimes story> Date: Tuesday, April 14, 1998 13:24>> Here's the story.> -- Bill Matthews>>> WHISTLEBLOWER SUES, SEEKING DAMAGES> Byline: By William Matthews> Two years after he was dismissed from the Joint Staff and escorted> from the Pentagon, Maj. Steven Bigelow has sued the defense secretary> and the acting Air Force secretary for allegedly delaying his promotion> and improperly disclosing his personnel records.> Claiming the actions have destroyed his career and caused him> anguish, Bigelow is seeking \$5 million in damages.> An enlisted airman who became an officer, Bigelow has spent more> than 28 years in the Air Force.> In 1996 he was a computer specialist who oversaw the installation> of highly classified communications equipment at Joint Staff locations> around the world.> But in March that year, he was suspended from the Joint Staff amid> allegations that he received \$180 too much in travel reimbursements and> had taken 19 days of leave to which he was not entitled.> Bigelow contends that those charges were in retaliation for him> blowing the whistle on a \$250 million electronics contract that the> National Security Agency was trying to award without competitive> bidding.> The day he was suspended, Bigelow was escorted from the Pentagon> and reassigned to Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., where he was> put in charge of the base "Save a Nickel" campaign.> There, Bigelow learned that his promotion to lieutenant colonel had> been put on hold.> Although investigations failed to prove the charges against> Bigelow, his commanders at Bolling issued him reprimands. But when he> refused nonjudicial punishment, they declined to court-martial him.> His suit against F. Whitten Peters, the acting Air Force> secretary, cites a section of U.S. law that prohibits service> secretaries from delaying promotions for more than 18 months. Bigelow's> has been on hold for nearly two years.> The suit against Defense Secretary William Cohen centers on> violations of privacy. Bigelow contends that a supervisor on the Joint> Staff "unlawfully obtained and reviewed" Bigelow's personnel security> report.> The review led to Bigelow's dismissal from the Joint Staff.

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