TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Duwayne Lafley. In early 1969, while in United States Navy, I was trained by IBM in Arlington, Virginia to trouble shoot, repair and do preventive maintenance on several IBM Unit Record/EAM card punch machines including IBM 407 Accounting Machine. I was transferred in June of 1969 to aircraft carrier USS Ranger CVA-61 where I was responsible for many IBM card punch type machines including two IBM 407 Accounting Machines. I left the Navy in April of 1971 and one year later started working for various companies including Sorbus Inc. where one of my accounts had an IBM 407 Accounting Machine. I took my last call on an IBM 407 around the middle of 1976. I am still in the business of repairing older IBM card punch machines and one of my current customers in Conroe, Texas still relies on me to repair their IBM 402 Accounting Machine, an earlier version of the 407. I therefore believe I have the technical expertise to make the following statements:

The IBM 407 Accounting Machine prepares printed reports from paper data cards. The IBM 407 can do simple adding & subtracting and can have as many as 112 counter positions which are arranged in groups of 3, 4, 6 and 8 positions each. These groups can be coupled together to make larger counter groups possible. Printing, adding, subtracting, form paper control and summary punching using an IBM 514 or 519 is controlled by control panel wiring. The 407 has 120 printwheels covering a width of 12 inches or 10 characters per inch. The IBM 407 did not have an internal clock. The IBM 407 could not internally generate and print the date or time a deck of punched cards was printed. Although the IBM 407 was capable of printing a date, this date would need to have been pre-punched on a data card and manually fed into the machine.

I have examined a xerox copy of computer printout comprising two pages. (Exhibit 1.) One page (the data page) is a listing of 18 rows of numbers identified by the hand written words, "Double Reconnaissance Trajectories." Listing on other page consists of one row of numbers that reads:

92656 TIME CONVERSION   0000 01-26-61   24

The 01-26-61 appears to be a date indicating January 26, 1961. If this does refer to a date, which sounds reasonable, it could either have come from a manually punched data card or from an unknown device with an internal time and date clock. The 0000 before date may be a clock that is either not working or has just been reset. If either is the case, date would be questionable.

I declare that all of the above statements are true and made under the penalty of perjury under the state of Texas.

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Exhibits(1):
1. Xerox copy of a computer printout comprising two separate pages, a date page and a data page.