

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | ) |                           |
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| v.                       | ) | Criminal No. 1:19-cr-304  |
|                          | ) | (Hon. Leonie M. Brinkema) |
| HENRY KYLE FRESE,        | ) |                           |
|                          | ) |                           |
| Defendant.               | ) |                           |

PLEA AGREEMENT

G. Zachary Terwilliger, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia;  
W. Neil Hammerstrom, Jr. and Danya E. Atiyeh, Assistant United States Attorneys; Jennifer  
Kennedy Gellie, Department of Justice Trial Attorney; the defendant, Henry Kyle Frese; and the  
defendant’s counsel have entered into an agreement pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of  
Criminal Procedure. The terms of the agreement are as follows:

**1. Offense and Maximum Penalties**

The defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count One of the indictment charging the  
defendant with the willful transmission of TOP SECRET national defense information, in  
violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(d). The maximum penalties for this  
offense are a maximum term of ten years of imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, a special  
assessment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013, and a supervised release term of a maximum of three  
years. The defendant understands that this supervised release term is in addition to any prison  
term the defendant may receive, and that a violation of a term of supervised release could result  
in the defendant being returned to prison for the full term of supervised release.

**2. Factual Basis for the Plea**

The defendant will plead guilty because the defendant is in fact guilty of the charged offense. The defendant admits the facts set forth in the statement of facts filed with this plea agreement and agrees that those facts establish guilt of the offense charged beyond a reasonable doubt. The statement of facts, which is hereby incorporated into this plea agreement, constitutes a stipulation of facts for purposes of Section 1B1.2(c) of the Sentencing Guidelines.

**3. Assistance and Advice of Counsel**

The defendant is satisfied that the defendant's attorneys have rendered effective assistance. The defendant understands that by entering into this agreement, defendant surrenders certain rights as provided in this agreement. The defendant understands that the rights of criminal defendants include the following:

- a. the right to plead not guilty and to persist in that plea;
- b. the right to a jury trial;
- c. the right to be represented by counsel – and if necessary have the court appoint counsel – at trial and at every other stage of the proceedings; and
- d. the right at trial to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, to be protected from compelled self-incrimination, to testify and present evidence, and to compel the attendance of witnesses.

**4. Role of the Court and the Probation Office**

The defendant understands that the Court has jurisdiction and authority to impose any sentence within the statutory maximum described above but that the Court will determine the defendant's actual sentence in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). The defendant understands that the Court has not yet determined a sentence and that any estimate of the advisory sentencing

range under the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Sentencing Guidelines Manual the defendant may have received from the defendant's counsel, the United States, or the Probation Office, is a prediction, not a promise, and is not binding on the United States, the Probation Office, or the Court. Additionally, pursuant to the Supreme Court's decision in *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), the Court, after considering the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), may impose a sentence above or below the advisory sentencing range, subject only to review by higher courts for reasonableness. The United States makes no promise or representation concerning what sentence the defendant will receive, and the defendant cannot withdraw a guilty plea based upon the actual sentence.

a. Further, in accordance with Rule 11(c)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States and the defendant will recommend to the Court that the following provisions of the Sentencing Guidelines apply:

USSG § 2M3.2: Base Offense Level 35 for the willful transmission of intangible TOP SECRET information with reason to believe that it could be used to the injury of the United States or the advantage of a foreign nation;

USSG § 3B1.3: Two-level increase for Abuse of Position of Trust.

b. The United States and the defendant agree that the defendant has assisted the government in the investigation and prosecution of the defendant's own misconduct by timely notifying authorities of the defendant's intention to enter a plea of guilty, thereby permitting the government to avoid preparing for trial and permitting the government and the Court to allocate their resources efficiently. If the defendant qualifies for a two-level decrease in offense level pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a) and the offense level prior to the operation of that section is a level 16 or greater, the government agrees to file, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b), a motion prior

to, or at the time of, sentencing for an additional one-level decrease in the defendant's offense level.

c. The United States and the defendant have not agreed on any further sentencing issues, whether related to the Sentencing Guidelines or otherwise, other than those listed above or elsewhere in this plea agreement. Any stipulation on a Guideline provision does not limit the parties' arguments as to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

**5. Waiver of Appeal, FOIA and Privacy Act Rights**

The defendant also understands that 18 U.S.C. § 3742 affords a defendant the right to appeal the sentence imposed. Nonetheless, the defendant knowingly waives the right to appeal the conviction and any sentence within the statutory maximum described above (or the manner in which that sentence was determined) on the grounds set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742 or on any ground whatsoever other than an ineffective assistance of counsel claim that is cognizable on direct appeal, in exchange for the concessions made by the United States in this plea agreement. This agreement does not affect the rights or obligations of the United States as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b). The defendant also hereby waives all rights, whether asserted directly or by a representative, to request or receive from any department or agency of the United States any records pertaining to the investigation or prosecution of this case, including without limitation any records that may be sought under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

**6. Special Assessment**

Before sentencing in this case, the defendant agrees to pay a mandatory special assessment of \$100 per count of conviction.

**7. Payment of Monetary Penalties**

The defendant understands and agrees that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3613, whatever monetary penalties are imposed by the Court will be due immediately and subject to immediate enforcement by the United States as provided for in Section 3613. Furthermore, within 14 days of a request, the defendant agrees to provide all of the defendant's financial information to the United States and the Probation Office and, if requested, to participate in a pre-sentencing debtor's examination and/or complete a financial statement under penalty of perjury. If the Court imposes a schedule of payments, the defendant understands that the schedule of payments is merely a minimum schedule of payments and not the only method, nor a limitation on the methods, available to the United States to enforce the judgment. If the defendant is incarcerated, the defendant agrees to voluntarily participate in the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, regardless of whether the Court specifically directs participation or imposes a schedule of payments.

**8. Immunity from Further Prosecution in this District**

The United States will not further criminally prosecute the defendant in the Eastern District of Virginia for the specific conduct described in the indictment or statement of facts. This plea agreement and statement of facts does not confer on the defendant any immunity from prosecution by any state government in the United States.

**9. Dismissal of Other Counts**

Upon execution of this agreement and the Court's acceptance of the defendant's plea of guilty, the United States will move to dismiss the remaining counts of the indictment against this defendant.

**10. Defendant's Cooperation**

The defendant agrees to cooperate fully and truthfully with the United States, and provide all information known to the defendant regarding any criminal activity as requested by the government. In that regard:

- a. The defendant agrees to testify truthfully and completely at any grand juries, trials or other proceedings.
- b. The defendant agrees to be reasonably available for debriefing and pre-trial conferences as the United States may require.
- c. The defendant agrees to provide all documents, records, writings, or materials of any kind in the defendant's possession or under the defendant's care, custody, or control relating directly or indirectly to all areas of inquiry and investigation.
- d. The defendant agrees that, at the request of the United States, the defendant will voluntarily submit to polygraph examinations, and that the United States will choose the polygraph examiner and specify the procedures for the examinations.
- e. The defendant agrees that the Statement of Facts is limited to information to support the plea. The defendant will provide more detailed facts relating to this case during ensuing debriefings.
- f. The defendant is hereby on notice that the defendant may not violate any federal, state, or local criminal law while cooperating with the government, and that the government will, in its discretion, consider any

such violation in evaluating whether to file a motion for a downward departure or reduction of sentence.

- g. Nothing in this agreement places any obligation on the government to seek the defendant's cooperation or assistance.

**11. Use of Information Provided by the Defendant Under This Agreement**

The United States will not use any truthful information provided pursuant to this agreement in any criminal prosecution against the defendant in the Eastern District of Virginia, except in any prosecution for a crime of violence or conspiracy to commit, or aiding and abetting, a crime of violence (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 16). Pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 1B1.8, no truthful information that the defendant provides under this agreement will be used in determining the applicable guideline range, except as provided in Section 1B1.8(b). Nothing in this plea agreement, however, restricts the Court's or Probation Officer's access to information and records in the possession of the United States. Furthermore, nothing in this agreement prevents the government in any way from prosecuting the defendant should the defendant knowingly provide false, untruthful, or perjurious information or testimony, or from using information provided by the defendant in furtherance of any forfeiture action, whether criminal or civil, administrative or judicial. The United States will bring this plea agreement and the full extent of the defendant's cooperation to the attention of other prosecuting offices if requested.

**12. Defendant Must Provide Full, Complete and Truthful Cooperation**

This plea agreement is not conditioned upon charges being brought against any other individual. This plea agreement is not conditioned upon any outcome in any pending investigation. This plea agreement is not conditioned upon any result in any future prosecution which may occur because of the defendant's cooperation. This plea agreement is not

conditioned upon any result in any future grand jury presentation or trial involving charges resulting from this investigation. This plea agreement is conditioned upon the defendant providing full, complete and truthful cooperation.

**13. Motion for a Downward Departure**

The parties agree that the United States reserves the right to seek any departure from the applicable sentencing guidelines, pursuant to Section 5K1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines and Policy Statements, or any reduction of sentence pursuant to Rule 35(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, if, in its sole discretion, the United States determines that such a departure or reduction of sentence is appropriate. In addition, the defendant understands that the Court—not the United States—will decide what, if any, reduction in sentence is appropriate.

**14. Non-Disclosure Agreements**

a. The defendant acknowledges that, in connection with his employment by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), he entered into certain agreements proscribing the unauthorized disclosure of classified information, confidential information, and other information acquired as a part of the defendant's performance of his official duties. The defendant acknowledges his continuing duties and obligations under this agreement, and they are hereby incorporated by reference.

b. The defendant understands his continuing legal obligation to refrain from the unauthorized oral or written disclosure of information belonging to the United States government or acquired by virtue of his United States government employment or derived from the activities that resulted in his conviction. Should the defendant at any time author or participate in the creation of any book, writing, article, film, documentary, or other production, or otherwise provide information for purposes of publication or dissemination, including but not limited to



information provided through interviews with writers or representatives of any media organization or entity, the defendant hereby agrees first to submit in a timely fashion such book, writing, article, film, documentary, or other production, or information, to DIA for timely pre-publication review and deletion of information which, in the discretion of the DIA, should not be published or disseminated on the grounds of national security or on any other grounds as are already the subject of the defendant's pre-existing agreements with the DIA.

c. The defendant agrees that he will notify DIA in a timely manner of any contacts he intends to have with any representative of the media in order to ensure that a representative of the DIA and/or other intelligence community representative is present, unless such presence is explicitly waived by the DIA, to monitor the information being disseminated and, if necessary, to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of information. Such contacts include, but are not limited to, contacts in person, contacts by electronic means, and contacts via public or private mail carrier.

**12. <sup>7m?</sup> Assignment of Any Profits or Proceeds from Publicity**

The defendant hereby assigns to the United States any profits or proceeds which he may be entitled to receive in connection with any publication or dissemination of information relating to his work at DIA, his unlawful activities, the facts and circumstances leading to his apprehension and conviction, or acquired from DIA files, and agrees that any such profits and/or proceeds constitute the proceeds of his unlawful activity for purposes of 18 U.S.C. § 794(d)(1)(A). This assignment shall include all profits and proceeds for the benefit of the defendant, regardless of whether such profits and proceeds are payable to himself or to others, directly or indirectly, for his benefit or for the benefit of the defendant's associates or a current or future member of the defendant's family. The defendant shall not circumvent this assignment by assigning the rights to his story to an associate or to a current or future member of the

defendant's family, or to another person or entity who would provide some financial benefit to the defendant, to the defendant's associates, or to a current or future member of the defendant's family. Moreover, the defendant shall not circumvent this assignment by communicating with an associate or a family member for the purpose of assisting or facilitating their profiting from a public dissemination, whether such an associate or other family member is personally or directly involved in such dissemination.

**13.16 Conditions of Incarceration**

The defendant is aware of the provisions of 28 C.F.R. § 501.2 governing conditions of incarceration in national security cases and acknowledges that the United States reserves the right to exercise these provisions.

**15.17 Breach of the Plea Agreement and Remedies**

This agreement is effective when signed by the defendant, the defendant's attorneys, and an attorney for the United States. The defendant agrees to entry of this plea agreement at the date and time scheduled with the Court by the United States (in consultation with the defendant's attorneys). If the defendant withdraws from this agreement, or commits or attempts to commit any additional federal, state or local crimes, or intentionally gives materially false, incomplete, or misleading testimony or information, or otherwise violates any provision of this agreement, then:

- a. The United States will be released from its obligations under this agreement. The defendant, however, may not withdraw the guilty plea entered pursuant to this agreement;
- b. The defendant will be subject to prosecution for any federal criminal violation, including, but not limited to, perjury and obstruction of justice, that is not time-barred by the applicable statute of limitations on the date this

agreement is signed. Notwithstanding the subsequent expiration of the statute of limitations, in any such prosecution, the defendant agrees to waive any statute-of-limitations defense; and

- c. Any prosecution, including the prosecution that is the subject of this agreement, may be premised upon any information provided, or statements made, by the defendant, and all such information, statements, and leads derived therefrom may be used against the defendant. The defendant waives any right to claim that statements made before or after the date of this agreement, including the statement of facts accompanying this agreement or adopted by the defendant and any other statements made pursuant to this or any other agreement with the United States, should be excluded or suppressed under Fed. R. Evid. 410, Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(f), the Sentencing Guidelines or any other provision of the Constitution or federal law.

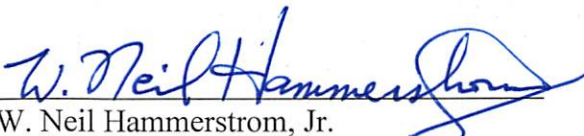
Any alleged breach of this agreement by either party shall be determined by the Court in an appropriate proceeding at which the defendant's disclosures and documentary evidence shall be admissible and at which the moving party shall be required to establish a breach of the plea agreement by a preponderance of the evidence.


#### **16.18 Nature of the Agreement and Modifications**

This written agreement constitutes the complete plea agreement between the United States, the defendant, and the defendant's counsel. The defendant and the defendant's attorneys acknowledge that no threats, promises, or representations have been made, nor agreements reached, other than those set forth in writing in this plea agreement, to cause the defendant to

plead guilty. Any modification of this plea agreement shall be valid only as set forth in writing in a supplemental or revised plea agreement signed by all parties.

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Defendant's Signature: I hereby agree that I have consulted with my attorneys and fully understand all rights with respect to the pending criminal indictment. Further, I fully understand all rights with respect to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553 and the provisions of the Sentencing Guidelines Manual that may apply in my case. I have read this plea agreement and carefully reviewed every part of it with my attorneys. I understand this agreement and voluntarily agree to it.

Date: 2/20/20

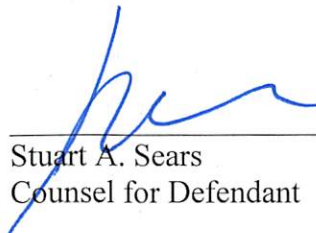
  
Henry Kyle Frese  
Defendant

Defense Counsel Signature: I am counsel for the defendant in this case. I have fully explained to the defendant the defendant's rights with respect to the pending indictment. Further, I have reviewed Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553 and the Sentencing Guidelines Manual, and I have fully explained to the defendant the provisions that may apply in this case. I have carefully reviewed every part of this plea agreement with the defendant. To my knowledge, the defendant's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one.

Date: 2/20/20

  
Danny C. Onorato  
Counsel for the Defendant

Date: 2/20/20

  
Stuart A. Sears  
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