

I have assumed my duties as COMUSMARBCENT and am now

the Consolidated Disposition Authority (CDA) for the Hamdaniyah cases. Thus, I am responding to your 2 November letter to General Mattis.

I appreciate your interest in the court-martial of your constituent, Private Lawrence Hutchins, and will consider your recommendation for clemency, as a matter of course, prior to taking convening authority's action in his case.

I have also passed your Aide's observations about the conduct of the proceedings along to my Staff Judge Advocate. I can assure you Private Hutchins will have full opportunity to submit appropriate matters in clemency before I take action on the case. Moreover, his court-martial will be thoroughly reviewed by my Staff Judge Advocate before I take final action and by the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals after convening authority's action. Private Hutchins will continue to be represented by counsel throughout this process.

Again, I thank you for expressing your concerns in this matter.

Sincerely,

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12 November 2007

Dear Congressman Delahunt

