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Commanding General
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Subj: Chronology of Water Contamination at Marine Corps
Base, Camp Lejeune

Ref: (a) Major Townsend's letter of 8 June 2001, same subject
(b) Major Townsend's letter of 2 July 2001, same subject
(c) LANTDIV NAUFACEV6COM Htr 114:WLC dtd 12 Feb 1982

References (a) and (b) noted that the substance of the entry for October 1980 dealt with the activities of the U.S. AEHA TTHM inspection team at MCB, CLWC from October 1980 - December 1981. The citation, presumably prepared by Public Affairs either at CLWC or HAWC, implies that the results of this year long test were not reported to MCB officials and the fact that contaminants were present.

This implication is false and disingenuous of the Marine Corps to perpetuate this myth. Reference (c), a seven page report, sent to the Commanding General, MCB a very thorough report on the results of the U.S. AEHA team inspection to wit: a TTHM data base summary for three potable water systems, suggested corrective measures to grant TTHM information, recommended monitoring procedures, and advised laboratory analysis sites. What more did the CG, MCB require and why does the Marine Corps today continue to assert that they were kept in the dark?

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Two questions were posed to CG, MCBS in reference (a) and the question noted above now makes three questions seeking a response.

The issue about the veracity of the cited chronology entry was raised on 19 March 2001 with BGEU John F. Sattler, then Director of Public Affairs H&MC. No response was ever received from that inquiry.

As noted earlier I do not know whether the data on the CLNC water survey website is prepared by CLNC Public Affairs or by H&MC PA personnel. I assume coordination between the two.

Considering this USMC assertion has been challenged at H&MC level since March and inquiries directed to CG, MCBS Camp Lejeune for the last six weeks it seems that sufficient time has elapsed for the Corps to explain the basis for their position in this matter.

Please advise the intentions of your command regarding this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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