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Dear President Bush; I am writing you out
 of course for my family. It all started in Sept
 1970 when I gave birth to what I thought was a
 normal healthy son, Ricky weighed 5 lb 1/2
 @ birth which was ok because he was
 my first baby and I was only 20 yrs old at
 the time; I was scared being a new mom
 and knowing nothing about babies and then
 in Oct the 30 to be precise Ricky started
 bleeding from his mouth as I sat
 down to feed him; I got him to the
 hospital as quickly as I could but the
 next afternoon on the 31st my baby died;
 and for 30 years I blamed myself feeling
 I had done something horriably wrong
 I felt guilty and even tried to end my
 own life; My husband divorced me
 and told me I was an awful mom and
 I should never have another child; for
 many years I truly felt worthless. Now today
 I have 4 children but all of them have
 something wrong with them and I even
 had a miscarriage in 1985; for the life of
 me I couldn't figure out what I was
 doing wrong was my ex husband right

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was I worthless and useless as a Mother?
 Well Oct 2000 I found out it was some
 very badly contaminated water. I had
 been drinking while living with a family
 in the early 70's in poor housing.
 1971 I gave birth to Stephen. He has some problems
 what they are I am not sure because my 2nd
 ex-husband raised him; he Stephen was born
 on base at Camp Lejeune N.C. Oct 9, 1971
 his Dad; Christopher got out of the Marines
 we moved to Boston where Catherine
 Bridgett was born; we had a lot of problems
 we divorced in 1978, I moved back to N.C.
 Jacksonville where I meet my now
 Husband Jim. In the last 22 years,
 we found out Catherine has a learning
 disability she was 20 yrs old before she
 ever graduated High School in West Bend
 Wisconsin. Now we come to my Husband Jim
 and our babies together; see Sir Jim was
 stationed at the mess hall at Camp Lejeune
 N.C. in 1978 we met and then we were married
 in April 1979; now in 1983 I gave birth
 to Kaitlin Marie Hanoni, that ended up
 emergency C-section; she should have been
 a normal delivery but wasn't; now 4 min
 later is where all of our problems start.

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Heather, started with Grand-mall seizures her first 6 times in the hospital they did a spinal tap thinking she had meningitis she of course did not; no doctor could tell me what was wrong with her they didn't know how to diagnose her or what she even had, we were all going a little nuts trying to figure out what Heather was so sick from, she had so many seizures it was horrible; and we would call the Rescue Squad because she would quit breathing; then it was off to the hospital again no doctor could tell us anything they just didn't know what was wrong. In 1984 she started having Urinary Tract Infections or U.T.I's it seemed endless with all the hospital stays. It got so bad at one point with her all I would have to do is call the Rescue Squad and they would know right where to come and we didn't even have 911 back then. Then in 1985 I had a miscarriage this was horrible I was 10-12 weeks and my baby was coming out in pieces disgusting but true no one knew why I had the miscarriage either but now I know it had to be that water I dripped and the water pool Jim washed at he was exposed

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to a lot of nasty stuff there; so hearts
 and other Cironicals, Jim has health
 problems also, that I will get to later
 getting back to Heather; after my miscarriage
 we had to start taking Heather to a urologist
 she had some many infections in her
 urinary track it was awful she suffered
 so much with this and then after I don't
 know how many infections the urologist
 said he would have to totally reconstruct
 her flap valves because they both were
 corroding away and she would lose use of
 both kidneys because the bad urine was
 leaking to her kidneys and she was not
 long to this life with out the 2 surgery's
 it would take to reconstruct them; well
 when Mr. Hodgerson met in he was
 shocked to find^{find}; Heather has no Female
 Reproductive Organ's nothing and I mean
 nothing at all; we were I used to find
 this out, now we knew she would never
 be a normal female how horrible for
 her, this was so unfair how could this
 of happened; now I know it had to
 to be what Jim was exposed to and
 the water we drinen and showed
 in now after all of this you would

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her problems were pretty much to head, NO
not even; this baby continued with the
Grand mal seizures and other health problems.
Six; Mr. president we do so much need your
help our family has suffered so much
the last 17 years of our Heather life but
her most of all; Six, my Heather is Mentally
Handicapped and we truly believe that
the base at Camp Lejeune N.C. is to blame.
No one else in the family, my side or
my Jim's has any of these problems.
Jimmy Jim's was born Feb 26, 1986
he has upper respiratory problems but
nothing that comes close to Heather's
problems. Heather is on 10 pills a day
and she is only 17 years old and will for
her remaining life be on at least that
many pills or more. Mr. president in
1988 we lost everything our home in
Milwaukee our car. Everything we
had to file Bankruptcy why because
Heather's hospital bills were \$700,000.00
that does or did not include the 5 doctors
she was seeing that was another 25 to 30,000.00
no one has any idea how awful this was
for this family, we both felt like failures
due to Heather's problems and losing

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everything we had at that time, I feel that we our family should be compensated for all of hardships we had to endure. Camp Dejean has never contacted us to this day to tell us about that. Water I had to get a phone call from my husband & Marine Corp bully to ask us if we knew ~~about~~ about this contamination problem and of course we did not. Do one and Sir I mean Do one has contacted us to date to let us know anything, please Sir we need your help and they need to be held Responsible for all the right marines they have put so many families through onward of theirs that have lived there and that were stationed on that base. I know they will not own up to any wrong doing's but why did they not tell any of us about this why are they trying so hard to cover this up and sweep it under the rug so to speak, With out your help we are all dead; some are truely dying a slow painful death and we that speak out are afraid of being harmed or worse; Does a Citizen and human being I beg you Sir please help

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us and protect us we are at least
16,000 or more families and we
are afraid of what Uncle Sam will do
to us, but if someone doesn't speak
out no one will ever know about
this horrible tragedy that is
happening to our ex Military families
our husbands sacrificed and
protected our country when asked
to do so and now we ask you sir
to please help and protect us; we
deserve compensation for our losses
just like any other citizen; and we
all feel the Marine Corps has truly
done us all in on this; so please
Mr. president could you contact these
people and find out why they don't want
anyone to know what happened at Leyte
with the base housing having been
painted with lead paint and some
many wrong doing; sir all I ask of you
is help us please; with gratitude and all
will I know we aren't going to get any
where at all with out your help; I know you
have the power to make all of this
happen for us. God Bless you and
your family and many happy years as our

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President. Please note that this
Jamey does have a lot of Trust and
Faith in you. Thank you Mr. President
for your time sorry this letter was so
long but I think you can see why.
God Bless you and May God's Blessings be
upon you forever. Please let me know
A.S.A.P. what help you can give us.

Sincerely
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Please contact these people, Thank you so much
for your help.

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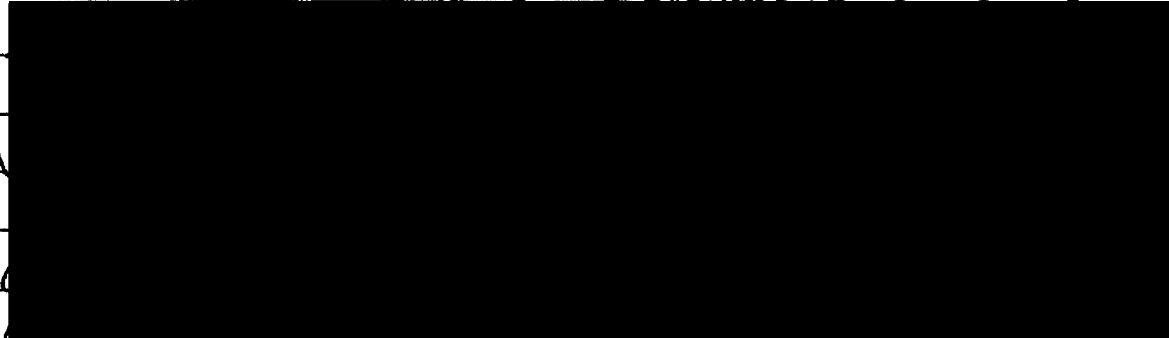
Mr. president these are some of the names of people that a Retired Major from Comp Service sent me, Ret. Major Thomas Townsend and I have been in contact with each other since I found out about this; I have been very upset he told that he and his wife for some reason their Medical Records can not be found as well as others I have spoken with you Sir I have had contact with other families from around the U.S. that have made request for their military medical records but for some reason they can't be found their medical records have been lost, Sir; doesn't that seem a little strange that all the medical records can't be found anywhere, I sure wonder about that one don't you? Mr. president Sir; is there a point of contact person that can let me know how we can all be compensated for our health problems and Resolve this what seem to me to be a cover up on the Marine Corps part maybe they just don't care I am not sure but either way this is wrong and we need your help to get these people

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to tell us the whole truth and stop
 sugar coating all the information they
 send us. I know we do so much need to
 know the whole truth so we can
 be treated medically since the
 Marine Corps doesn't want to take
 responsibility for what
 has happened; we need better medical
 care for us all that have
 been poisoned by that water
 our bodies are sick and weak our
 children are sick and dying please
 help us please. Sir can you appoint
 some of your staff members to help
 us with this matter this truly
 is a matter of our life or death
 especially our children with you we
 will surely die and continue to care
 on with our guilty.

Thank you
 and God Bless you Sir.



we would like your attention to our
 children with us.

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Sir; could you please send a copy
of the same letter of response that
you are sending to me to

Retired Major Thomas Townsend
447 E 8th St
Moscow ID 83843-3013

So be in aware that at least; we all
know you are helping us or you will
appoint some staff members to help us
he has written 100's of letters and moral
help for us at all.

Thank you again
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