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Commanding General  
Attn: A/C/S, EMD  
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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) LAUTDIV NAVFACEVCOM 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  
TTM inspection team at MCB, CMV from October 1980 - December  
1981. The citation, presumably prepared by Public Affairs either  
at CLW or HMC, 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 TTM data  
base summary for three potable water systems, suggested corrective  
measures to grant TTM 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, MCRB 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. Seftler, 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 CLUC watersurvey website is prepared by CLUC 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, MCRB 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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cc: Chairman Levin, Senate

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