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From: Commanding General, 2d Marine Division, FMF
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps, (IGAR), Headquarters,
U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, DC 20380-0001
Subj: HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTAMINATION COMPLAINT CASE OF LANCE
CORPORAL THOMAS C. BLOCK 353 56 6825/0311 USMC
Ref: (a) Phoncon between LtCol Roth, IGAR, and LtCol Fields,
Inspector, 2d MarDiv, FMF

1. Per the reference, the following information is provided:

- a. SNM is a member of K Company, 3d Battalion, 8th Marines. While participating in a night training exercise during the early morning of 27 April 1990, his platoon inadvertently maneuvered in the vicinity of an area believed to contain contaminated waste. The area is defined as a "rifle range chemical dump." It is also marked as a chemical waste disposal area.
- b. Eighteen Marines from one platoon were in the vicinity, but they are not sure if they in fact walked across an actual contaminated portion of the dump.
- c. All eighteen Marines are being examined by Naval doctors. Blood samples are being taken now and other samples will be taken in 30 days.
- d. No Marine has indicated any signs of illness attributal to chemical contamination, nor has any Marine reported that blood has been observed in his stool.
- e. At approximately 1530, 4 May 1990, SNM and his mother discussed the undue concern over his health. She stated that her concerns will be relieved if her son were seen today by medical authorities.
- f. SNM has been examined by a Naval doctor and is in excellent health. A blood sample has been taken for appropriate analysis.


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