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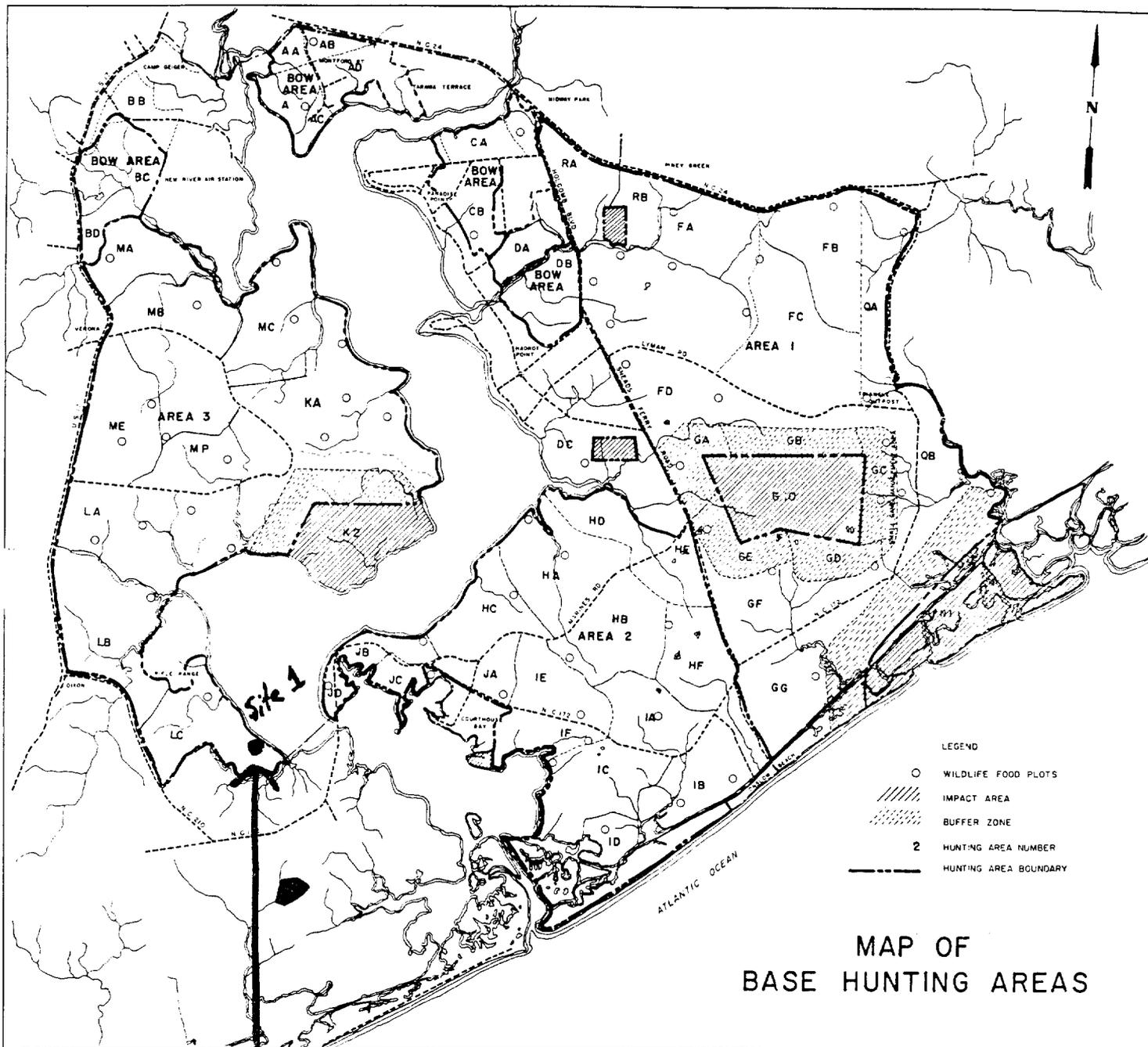
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From: Environmental Law Counsel
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities

Subj: Hazardous Wastes

1. On 5 October 1982, Lieutenant Colonel J. G. FITZGERALD, Major L. L. SCUDDER and Mr. Julian Wooten accompanied Mr. Jerry "Ike" Rochelle to TLZ ~~Out~~ where Mr. Rochelle identified two areas as sites of hazardous waste disposal in 1953. At that time, Mr. Rochelle was a civilian employee who operated heavy equipment aboard Camp Lejeune. Mr. Rochelle related that in 1953 he operated the equipment used to bury 55-gallon drums of a substance which he was told was either mustard gas or nerve gas. At that time, Mr. Rochelle was required to wear extensive protective gear, including a gas mask, hood, jacket and gauntlets. Other personnel wore clothing which Mr. Rochelle described as "spacesuits".
2. Mr. Rochelle related that the light, bluish green, unmarked drums were protected by rubber matting aboard the trucks and were handled by equipment which had been rubber-padded. The original pit was abandoned after burying approximately 15 drums. The remaining 35-40 drums were buried approximately 40 yards away in a single pit. Although it had been intended to create a pit 20 feet deep, this was not done because the sides of the pit kept caving in. In both pits the drums were laid side by side and stacked several rows deep, with the top layer of drums being approximately five feet below the surface.
3. The location of this burial site coincides with a previously identified hazardous waste dump site, although the existence of these drums was unknown prior to Mr. Rochelle's revelations.


L. L. SCUDDER



Chemical Landfill

Ditton

Rifle Range

Chemical Landfill
Boundary

Nowe or Mustard
Gas

35-40 DRUMS

APPROX 15 DRUM

Nowe or Mustard
Gas

TLZ

DWL

Now River

Everett Creek

* Not to Scale

Highway 210
To Hwy 172

