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From: Assistant Chief of Staff, Environmental Management
Department
To: Commanding General, Marine Corps Base (ATTN: Base
Adjutant)
Subj: CONGRESSIONAL/SPECIAL INTEREST CORRESPONDENCE, RE: LANCE
CORPORAL ANTHONY J. SOBIECH 070 60 7055/0300 USMC
Ref: (a) CG MCB ltr BADJ/5730 DTD 22 JUN 90
Encl: (1) Public Affairs Office, Camp Lejeune, Public Release
Number 05-09

1. In response to the reference, the following information
relating to the subject CONGRINT is provided:

a. In 1984, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, began contractual
actions with an established environmental firm to investigate an
old hazardous waste dump site once used by Marine Corps Base,
Camp Lejeune. Monitoring wells were installed in the suspected
area. Samples of groundwater, surface water, and sediment were
collected, and pesticides, volatile organic compounds, and
pentachlorophenol were identified. The environmental firm is
continuing its work at this site by performing a Risk Assessment
to determine the magnitude and probability of actual or potential
harm to public health and welfare by the threatened or actual
release of the hazardous materials identified. When this
assessment is completed, the effects of any human's exposure to
these substances may be known.

b. On 11 May 1990, the Joint Public Affairs Office, Marine
Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, released information to the media
relating to LCpl Sobiech's reported illness (see enclosure (1)).
Essentially the release reports that LCpl Sobiech's unit in the
field passed approximately 700 meters from the aforementioned
hazardous waste site, and that it is unlikely that his illness
can be attributed to the substances identified at the dump site.
His illness, diagnosed by the Battalion Medical Officer, was
most likely due to dehydration and an upper respiratory infection.

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