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Mr. Paul M. Wester, Jr.
Director, Modern Records Programs
National Archives and Records Administration
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Dear Mr. Wester:

I am responding on behalf of the Department of the Navy to your letter of August 29, 2006, requesting information regarding the potential unauthorized disposal of U.S. Marine Corps records related to events in Haditha, Iraq in November 2005.

The events in question, and the reporting of those events thereafter, are the subject of an ongoing Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigation. Due to the ongoing nature of this law enforcement investigation, it is premature and inappropriate to comment or make any determination as to whether records were actually destroyed at this time. Upon completion of the investigation, should it be revealed unauthorized destruction of records occurred, a report, as required by 36 CFR 1228.104, will be submitted.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jim Knox, (b) (6) or LT Byron Adams, (b) (6) of my office.

Sincerely,



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