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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Director, Modern Records Program, National Archives and
Records Administration (Attn: Mr. Paul M. Wester, Jr.),
8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001

Subj: NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION INQUIRIES
INTO ALLEGED DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH
HADITHA, IRAQ EVENTS

Ref: (a) NARA ltr dtd 29 Aug 06
(b) NARA ltr dtd 16 Dec 11

1. In response to your inquiries in references (a) and (b) regarding alleged destruction of records, a thorough and extensive review of available documentation and previous investigations was conducted. As a result of this review, there were no findings which revealed destruction or unauthorized removal of records.

2. The Marine Corps takes Records Management very seriously. We understand the value of Records to the Federal government, the Marine Corps, and the individual Marine and families. As such, we continue to do our best to maintain and preserve the records generated during war and peace.

3. The point of contact is Ms. Kim Enright-Lamere, Supervisor, Records, Reports and Directives Section, at (b) (6)

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