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Base Maintenance Department Swimming Beach at Camp Geiger

Encl: (1) Proposed CG ltr MAIN/JIW/th 6240

Unauthorized development of a swimming beach at Camp Geiger.

The construction began without Marine Corps Base authorization. The required Army Corps of Engineers permit(s) for construction below hightide and over navigable waters were not obtained. The beach project is a continuing example of violations of environmental laws which subject commanding officers to legal action. The Army Corps of Engineers enforcement personnel have inspected the construction site and during a 16 July 1979 telephone conversation with Mr. J. I. Wooten of this department, advised that a permit was required. The project has been stopped at this time.

It is recommended that enclosure (1) be signed.

Very respectfully,

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Base Commander

From: Commanding General

To: Area Commander, Camp Geiger

Via: Commanding General, 2d Marine Division, FMF

Subj: Swimming Beach at Camp Geiger

Ref: (a) On-Site Inspection of Beach Area by Mr. Wooten, MCB, and CySgt Clover, 2dMarDiv, on 29 May 79

> (b) Area Cmdr ltr 8/DJM/ddm 1700 of 8 May 79 (c) Section 10. Rivers & Harbor Act of 1899

(d) Section 404, Clean Water Act

1. During reference (a) the beach area addressed in reference (b) was examined. It was observed that several environmental violations exist as a result of actions already completed in support of this project. That is, placement of a structure over navigable waters in violation of reference (c). Placement of fill dirt in navigable waters and along the river shoreline below hightide, in violation of reference (d). These actions expose this Command to potential criminal liability under the law.

2. Accordingly, all construction must cease immediately. If an additional swimming area is considered a valid need, a candidate environmental impact assessment will be required in addition to obtaining permits from cognisant federal/state agencies.

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