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To: tsm@EMD
From: GS-11 MICHAEL P SENUS@EMD
Originated by: GS-11 MICHAEL P SENUS@EMD
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: fwd: Housing records
Attachment:
Date: 11/18/98 6:44 AM

I am cleaning out my mail. Just FYI.
Mick

Original text
From: GS-13 N NEAL PAUL@EMD@MCB LEJEUNE, on 9/23/98 12:27 PM:
To: mps@EMD@MCB LEJEUNE

Mick,
Please call Kelly today with this info. Please let her know that I called and recieved no answer and also tried email but had her address is not working.
Thanks,N

From: GS-11 MICHAEL P SENUS@EMD@MCB LEJEUNE, on 9/22/98 3:24 PM:
To: nnp@EMD@MCB LEJEUNE

J.O. Parks said they are not required to keep anything for any amount of time. If they have anything it would be only the name and address on Base (off the "house card") but no SSN. Even if Active Duty now, they maintain no record to where they are currently stationed.

He said his office does not have the manpower to look for anything and if a contractor were to come in they would have to prove it was for "official use only".

They have computer records since 1991 and before that some written records ("house cards"). Chances of having records back to 1964 are slim... He recommended that USMC Military Records office be used.
Mick

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To: Mps@EMD
From: GS-13 N NEAL PAUL@EMD
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Bcc:

Subject: ATSDR

Attachment:

Date: 11/19/98 7:40 AM

Mick,

Please arrange meeting with Maj Jack wrt ATSDR study. Contact Kelly Dreyer to determine if CMC HQ PAO are planning any sort of PR effort associated with the movie release and/or the questionnaires being sent out.

Thanks,

Neal

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To: GS-9 THOMAS S MORRIS@EMD
From: "Landman, Kate H." <LandmanKH@efdlant.navfac.navy.mil>

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Subject: Tarawa Terrace White Paper

Attachment:

Date: 11/23/98 5:30 PM

Tom,

Thanks for the TT summary. Very nice. I have just a couple of comments for you. Maybe some of them are questions that I don't know the answers to but would find interesting background, and the others are probably just food for thought....

1) Although not really directly related to the issue at hand, it would be interesting to note the source of funding for the EPA-lead investigation at ABC (I presume this is Superfund - I have not heard that ABC was funding the cleanup themselves) and the status of any cost-recovery actions taken and/or under way (is ABC being sued for recovery of investigation & cleanup costs?)

2) Also not directly related, but of interest - what is the current status of the cleanup? I know the ROD was signed in 93, but is the system in place and operating now? Do they have a sampling frequency? Is Lejeune letting them come on base to take samples periodically? Have they any progress reports to show?

3) One of the primary lines of "evidence" that ATSDR used to support their justification for the follow-on study was the "Woburn case" (the basis of your movie). However, I'll just note here that the case was not against the City of Woburn/operator of the public water supply, but against the corporations responsible for the illegal dumping. This is a significant difference from the TT situation from a public concern standpoint - DoD is not the polluter, it is the operator of the public water supply.

With this in mind, I offer a personal opinion: I feel that your statement in the summary about the movie possibly encouraging individuals to seek restitution from the government (meaning DoD) could be mis-directed. Following the Woburn pattern, any restitution would be sought from the polluter (ABC), unless DoD can somehow be determined to share in the negligence (and given my understanding of the circumstances and the laws/technical knowledge of time, it appears that DoD did everything in its power to avoid exposures). I realize that your concern may be that DoD may be seen as simply having deeper pockets than ABC (who must by now be having some serious financial difficulty just based on the cleanup). I think that the only concern here is that DoD not let this issue override its responsibility to provide access to records should someone else determine (and fund) an investigation (because this may be construed as an attempt to hide something, potentially being seen as an implication of guilt if DoD had did have some part in the negligence).

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5) When ATSDR first posed the concept of the \$1.9M follow-on health study, they assumed that they would get the Navy to pay for it. This was because ATSDR mistakenly believed that the contamination was from an on-base source. ~~I was at that August 97 meeting in DC where this was discussed with reps from ATSDR, NEHC, various lawyers, Kelly Dryer, etc. I recall at the meeting~~ at least one ATSDR management type became furious at his own staff when he realized that we were trying to tell him that this was from an off-base source (he has been led to believe that it was from an on-base source). Once this issue was out in the open, a discussion ensued where Navy types tried to convince ATSDR that it was inappropriate to ask the Navy to be the source of funding for this work. (This was independent of NEHC's evaluation that they did not have enough evidence to warrant a full-scale investigation; i.e. even if they could justify that the study was warranted, why weren't they asking ABC as PRP or EPA as the lead agency under Superfund? .) Subsequent discussion suggested that the types of example cases they were using to justify their study plan would not even be captured under their proposed approach. This further weakened their case and they went home basically looking back at the drawing board with regards to their study plans. As I understood it, they were going to re-think their large-scale investigation by starting with a small-scale records search, which would still require DOD support to allow access to the records.

I never heard what the final outcome was. It looks like ATSDR has now secured funding independent of DoD (you mention OMB funding?). More personal opinion here: while I do share your concern about the possibility of raising public alarm, I feel that the Navy should consider taking an active role in community relations to side with the public - Camp Lejeune is an injured party here, not a responsible party. While I do not feel that we should be paying for any study (technically justified or not), I do feel that we should cooperate with any study that is undertaken, unless it is demonstrated grossly inappropriate from a technical standpoint (and thus we would not want to be associated with it). I'm not sure that NEHC's poor opinion of the proposed study went that far. The last word at the August 97 meeting that I recall was that they Navy would attempt to provide access to requested data, but that we would not provide funding.

Let me know if you have any questions. As you can see, I have a lot of opinions on this subject. I have no idea if they are shared by any DoD representative who is actively working this issue. I have been completely out of the loop since the August 97 meeting.

-Kate

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Original text

From: <Kelly_A_Dreyer@notes.hqi.usmc.mil>, on 11/23/98 7:42 AM:
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Mick,

I'm not aware of any effort.

Although people may draw a connection between that movie and Camp Lejeune, it is a completely different situation that we shouldn't draw parallels to. If PAO starts a campaign without proper coordination with ATSDR and NEHC, it may cause unnecessary public confusion and possibly bias the ATSDR study - it could undermine the entire effort!

I recommend you pursue this issue within the Public Relations Plan we will develop for this issue in January. That's the purpose of the plan- If you have concerns, then we need to move the public relation plan kickoff meeting up.

VR,
Kelly

senusm1@clb.usmc.mil on 11/23/98 06:46:17 AM

Please respond to senusm1@clb.usmc.mil

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Kelly,

~~Good Morning. Per the forwarded email, what is HQ PAO's public relation effort in light of the release of "A Civil Action"? Thanks.~~

Mick

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