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Subj: USE OF NOISE MAP FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE
RELOCATION FROM MCAS EL TORO TO NAS MIRAMAR

Ref: (a) Meeting of 13 Jun 94 with Mr. A. Zusman and
Mr. T. Peeling

1. One of the primary concerns raised during the referenced meeting on the subject environmental assessment was the use of NOISEMAP 6.2 vice NOISEMAP 6.3. As portrayed during the meeting, it appeared that NOISEMAP 6.3 had been officially adopted as the DOD standard prior to initiating the environmental assessment. This gave rise to a number of concerns, both perceptual and technical, for public acceptance of the final document. However, coordination with the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence has disclosed that NOISEMAP 6.3 was not officially disseminated for use until 29 Mar 94.

2. Based on the foregoing, the Marine Corps position is:

a. Use of NOISEMAP 6.2 at the time the environmental assessment was initiated remains a valid decision in that it represented a then acceptable analysis tool for evaluating the noise environment.

b. If NOISEMAP 6.3 contours could be substituted at this point without delay of completing the assessment, it would be preferred in order to eliminate any basis for public misperception. However, due to significant time and funding implications, we cannot reasonably delay completion of the assessment.

c. The BRAC-93 Environmental Impact Statement for the move to NAS Miramar should adopt use of NOISEMAP 6.3 as the now current standard.

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