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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Subj: Brig Incident, NAVSTA NORFOLK, of <sup>9</sup>~~10~~ Aug 1982

Ref: (a) FONECON NAVSTA NORFOLK (Mr. G. Byrd, Safety)/LANTNAVFACENGCOM  
(Mr. J. Wallmeyer, Code 1143) of 12 Aug 1982

Encl: (1) LANTNAVFACENGCOM Project Route Sheet, Confinement Facility  
Expansion, P-977

1. In response to request issued during reference (a), Messrs. Olson, Roomsburg, and Wallmeyer participated in a site inspection at the Naval Station, Norfolk Brig compound at 0900 on 13 August 1982. The subject incident concerned a prisoner taking ill while digging shallow holes within the compound perimeter. The holes were being dug for the purpose of placing mattress racks. The digging was being performed using post-hole diggers. More specific details of the event are included in the Incident Report to be provided by Mr. John Barris, NAVREGMEDCEN PORTSMOUTH Industrial Hygiene (IH).

2. Present at the 13 August 1982 inspection were:

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| Mr. John Boaz       | NAVSTA NORFOLK (Safety)        |
| Mr. George Byrd     | NAVSTA NORFOLK (Safety)        |
| Mr. John Simak      | NAVREGMEDCEN PORTSMOUTH (IH)   |
| Mr. John Barris     | NAVREGMEDCEN PORTSMOUTH (IH)   |
| Mr. Blazek          | Brig Asst. Corrections Officer |
| Petty Officer Suggs | Brig                           |
| Chief Shaun         | Brig                           |
| Mr. Barkley         | PWC NORFOLK                    |
| Mr. Steve Olson     | LANTNAVFACENGCOM (Code 114)    |
| Mr. Kevin Roomsburg | LANTNAVFACENGCOM (Code 114)    |
| Mr. Jerry Wallmeyer | LANTNAVFACENGCOM (Code 114)    |

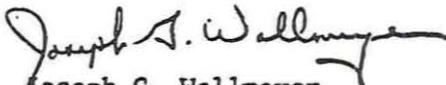
3. The inspection included examining the holes already dug and digging two additional holes. The first new hole was adjacent to the ones where the alleged exposure occurred. The other new hole was about 15 feet to the east. Materials unearthed included tar, roofing paper, roof gravel, plaster board (sheet rock), wire, pieces of wood and metal, nails, pieces of glass, and plastic materials. The only noticeable odor was an extremely faint hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) odor. The materials encountered likely were residues from construction of the Brig.

4. The NACIP IAS on-site investigation has confirmed that the general Camp Allen area had been previously used as a burning dump and disposal area for a wide variety of materials, to include: solvents, lab chemicals, POL, paints and thinner, pesticides, PCB, acids, bases, ash, and construction debris. The IAS report is scheduled for delivery in November 1982.

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5. Although the area has been used for disposal in the past and despite attempts to unearth clues to the cause of the prisoner's illness, no positive relationship could be established.

6. Enclosure (1) provides Code 114's comments concerning the proposed Brig expansion.

  
Joseph G. Wallmeyer  
Environmental Engineer

PROJECT ROUTE SHEET

PROJECT TITLE Confinement Facility Expansion

PROJECT LOCATION NAVSTA NORFOLK DATE 2-26-82

PROJECT NO. P-977 SETS REC'D 1 RS# 7454

ROUTE AS MARKED	DIVISION	COMMENTS	INITIALS	DATE
1	111	1112 ELEC. 1112 MECH - Reviewed	Bone JHB	3/27/82 3/15/82
	113		WTH	3/5
	114	While the areas identified are suspected chemical dump sites, the possibility of other sites (underneath) within the compound is a possibility. It is recommended that all new construction be placed upon @ least 18" of clay fill. Further this code should be kept informed throughout the design & construction phase if drains, mats, or liquids are encountered. Further expansion in this area may not be prudent.		
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