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SUBJECT: AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH INTERPRETATION, MCAS EL TORO

Andy,

In late 1993 and early 1994 I contacted you regarding publishing the results of the MCAS El Toro aerial photograph study that I conducted while still a full-time SAIC employee. At that time, my understanding was that you would have no objections to my publishing the work, if SAIC had no objections, and SAIC said that it would have no objections if you had none - a circular Catch 22 that apparently was never resolved. I am still very interested in publishing this work, and hope that I will be permitted to do so.

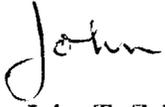
Specifically, I would like to address: the usefulness of developing a site history of potential contamination sources; the value of tracking land use changes over time; the value of mapping drainage paths; and finally the use of aerial photographs and other historical documents to accomplish these tasks. Ideally, I would like to reproduce one or more photographs, with and without the overlays. I would also like to show simplified versions of the land use maps, drainage maps, and data compilation maps, as examples of a final product. All of the figures could be modified to avoid any sensitive issues, sites, etc.,. The text would avoid discussions of any areas, issues, etc., that the Navy would prefer not to see in print. And, naturally, the paper would be subject to approval by the Navy.

The paper would be submitted to Environmental and Engineering Geoscience, formerly the Bulletin of the Association of Engineering Geologists.

I would very much appreciate your contacting me regarding your feelings about this issue at your earliest opportunity so that I may begin the work or permanently lay it to rest. I'm more than willing to work with you to develop ground rules that would allow me to write the paper. I remain an SAIC employee (Unscheduled Professional Status), and expect no problems in gaining their approval.

Thanks for any help that you be able to provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The letters are cursive and connected, with a large initial "J".

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