



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Gunnery Sergeant David Puente, USMC, 0659/9093

Subj: APPOINTMENT AS PRELIMINARY INQUIRY OFFICER TO INQUIRE
INTO ALLEGATIONS MADE TO THE MCRDSD INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE
OF ADULTERY AND MISUSE OF A GOVERNMENT COMPUTER BY STAFF
SERGEANT NICOLAS VEGA, USMC

Ref: (a) JAGINST 5800.7c

1. In coordination with the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Network Operations and Security Command, Quantico, Virginia and under chapter II of reference (a), you are hereby appointed as the Investigating Officer to conduct a preliminary inquiry into the above mentioned allegations. You are encouraged to consult with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, MCRD San Diego during the inquiry as required. You will ensure that all parties interviewed who are subject to the UCMJ and whom you suspect may have committed an offense(s) under the UCMJ are first advised of and acknowledge in writing their Article 31b rights.

2. Investigate the truth of both allegations, and any closely related offenses, including but not limited to the governing procedures and regulations, responsibilities, actions, neglect, and fault. Also, determine the resulting harm, if any, to the Marine Corps Enterprise Network. Based upon the totality of your findings, recommend any appropriate administrative or disciplinary action, or further investigation.

3. A preliminary inquiry serves as an analytical tool to determine whether additional investigation is warranted and, if so, how it is to be conducted. The preliminary inquiry is the foundation for the subsequent exercise of the convening authority's (CA) discretion and is not intended to develop facts extensively or to serve as a medium for analyzing facts. You are to investigate all facts and circumstances surrounding the incident and determine if further investigation is required. You should recommend appropriate administrative or disciplinary action. Report your findings in letter format by 1200 December 2, 2010 to me unless an extension of time is requested and granted.

4. By copy of this appointing order, the Adjutant, Headquarters and Service Battalion is directed to furnish the necessary clerical assistance for preparing the report.

S. C. Smith
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Adjutant, HQSVCBN