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Subj: TESTIMONY IN THE CASE OF MAJOR PIETRO P. SCARSELLI

Encl: (a) Charge Sheet, Preferred 2 November 09


1. As you may be aware, the former Provost Marshal, Major Pietro Scarselli, is pending charges at court-martial. Major Scarselli will be afforded the same rights and protections as any Marine: he is presumed innocent until such time that guilt is established beyond a reasonable doubt. He is entitled to a fair and impartial hearing and will be afforded every opportunity to present his case.

2. A key tenet of our American justice system is equal access to information and witnesses. The Accused has a right to present the testimony of any witness who has information that may tend to exonerate him. No interference with the ability of witnesses to come forward will be tolerated. Reprisal against any such witness is forbidden, and any complaint or suggestion that these rights have been violated will be thoroughly investigated. Instances of intimidation or retaliation should be reported to either the trial counsel, Captain D. Gilinsky at (760) 830-9077, or the defense counsel, Captain C. Hur at (619) 524-8713.

3. Prospective witnesses are further advised that they should not allow their testimony to be influenced by outside sources. Witnesses should not discuss their recollections with anyone except counsel on the case, and are reminded that any reporting in the media is abbreviated and does not impartially weigh all of the pertinent facts. This is the role of a court-martial, and it is our duty as Marines to ensure that everyone has access to a fair trial.

4. Anyone with information relating to this case is encouraged to come forward and provide that information to counsel with the assurance that they need not fear any reprisal. Marines with

the courage and integrity to provide testimony have my full support and protection.



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