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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (CLOSED)

26JUN03

SPECIAL INQUIRY (II)

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I/FIRST FSSG CAMP PENDLETON, CA/ALLEGED EXECUTION OF IRAQI PRISONERS OF WAR

COMMAND/1FSSG, CAMP PENDLETON, CA/28300

MADE AT/SDPE/CAMP PENDLETON, CA, [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT

CASE SUMMARY

1. Investigation was initiated on 13Jun03 following notification from [REDACTED] USMCR, Combat Services Support Company 135, 1st FSSG, that on the morning of 13Jun03, he was approached by a member of his unit, [REDACTED] USMCR, [REDACTED] reported that on the previous evening (12Jun03) at a unit party, a member of the unit named [REDACTED] told several other unit members (including [REDACTED] that he and two other Marines had been ordered by his former [REDACTED] USMCR, to execute three Iraqi enemy prisoners of war (EPWs). The executions allegedly took place in early Apr03 while [REDACTED] unit was temporarily residing at an abandoned Iraqi pharmaceutical factory south of Baghdad. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] threatened to kill him if he did not carry out the executions. [REDACTED] also claimed that after executing the EPWs, the bodies were disposed of in an eight foot deep hole. [REDACTED] stated after hearing [REDACTED] story, he called in the Marines who allegedly heard [REDACTED] make these statements. [REDACTED] said each of the (three) other Marines who were present confirmed hearing [REDACTED] statements, and believed they were credible.

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2. Following initial reporting of the incident, interviews were conducted with the five individuals present when [REDACTED] made the aforementioned statements. In addition to [REDACTED] USMCR, who initially reported the incident, the following individuals were interviewed; [REDACTED] Civilian, [REDACTED] USMCR, [REDACTED] USMCR, [REDACTED] USMCR, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] USMCR. All of the aforementioned persons confirmed [REDACTED] version of [REDACTED] statements, exhibits (1) through (5) pertain.

3. On 13Jun03, [REDACTED] USMCR, [REDACTED] was interviewed. Following advisement of rights and signing of a waiver, [REDACTED] provided an explanation concerning his statements the previous night, exhibits (6) and (7) pertain. [REDACTED] stated that the alleged executions of EPWs never took place, and stated it was a story he made up. [REDACTED] stated he made up the story to tell his friends. [REDACTED] stated unlike his colleagues, he didn't have good stories to tell about his deployment to Iraq. [REDACTED] stated he was intoxicated, and thought up the story while at the party.

4. On 18Jun03, [REDACTED] agreed to participate in a polygraph

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examination, exhibit (8) pertains. [redacted] was posed questions regarding the alleged executions of Iraqi EPWs. Following the polygraph, an evaluation of the examination indicated [redacted] was being truthful in his responses.

5. Based upon the results of the polygraph examination, no further investigation is deemed necessary. This investigation is closed.

EXHIBITS

- (1) Statement of [redacted] /13Jun03... (Copy 23B only)
- (2) Statement of [redacted] 13Jun03... (Copy 23B only)
- (3) Statement of [redacted] 13Jun03... (Copy 23B only)
- (4) Statement of [redacted] 13Jun03... (Copy 23B only)
- (5) Statement of [redacted] 13Jun03... (Copy 23B only)
- (6) Rights Waiver/[redacted] 13Jun03... (Copy 23B only)
- (7) Statement of [redacted] 13Jun03... (Copy 23B only)
- (8) IA: Results of Polygraph Exam - [redacted]
USMC/18Jun03... (Copy 23B only)

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