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Dear Mr. Smathers:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST, FILE NUMBER USMC-HQ 2013F041042

This responds to your September 9, 2013, FOIA request for all interagency Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) or Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) between the Marine Corps and any other agency or department.

On October 16, 2013, we advised you that your request was too broad and asked you to narrow its scope and describe with more specificity the records you are looking for. Your response did not, unfortunately, narrow the request sufficiently to enable us to conduct a search reasonably calculated to identify and locate responsive records. We advised you again that your request was still too broad, but have received no additional detail that would enable us to conduct a reasonable search. Any search for the records as they are currently described would amount to something of a fishing expedition covering field units all over the world. For these reasons, we are closing your request without further action. If you can provide additional information about the records that would enable us to find them for you, we will be glad to re-open the request file.

In light of the foregoing, you may consider this an adverse determination that may be appealed to the Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this correspondence and a statement as to why you believe your appeal should be granted.

Questions concerning this action should be directed to Ms. Barbara Gonzalez at (571) 256-8636 or (703) 614-4008, or via email to smb.hqmc.foia@usmc.mil. I am the official responsible for this determination; you may also contact me at (703) 614-4008.

Sincerely,

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