



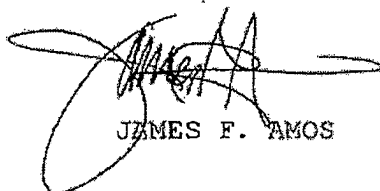
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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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10 FEB 2012

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command  
Subj: WITHDRAWAL OF CONSOLIDATED DISPOSITION AUTHORITY FOR ANY  
APPROPRIATE ACTION RELATIVE TO THE ALLEGED DESECRATION OF  
CORPSES BY U.S. MARINES IN AFGHANISTAN  
Ref: (a) CMC ltr 5800 JAM of 13 Jan 2012

1. In reference (a), I designated you as the Consolidated Disposition Authority (CDA) for the alleged desecration of corpses by U.S. Marines in Afghanistan.
2. I believe some of my comments during our recent conversation could be perceived as possibly interfering with your independent and unfettered discretion to take action in these cases. To protect the institutional integrity of the military justice process, and to avoid any potential issues, I withdraw your CDA designation.



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