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From: Commanding Officer, \*\*Squadron (Rear)\*\*  
To: Commanding Officer, \*\*Squadron (Forward Unit)\*\*

Subj: FORWARDING OF CHARGES FOR DISPOSITION ICO \*\*U.S.M. V  
ACCUSED\*\*

Ref: (a) SECNAV ltr of 5 Feb 03  
(b) R.C.M. 401(c), MCM (2002 Edition)

1. Per reference (a), upon the return of \*\*Squadron (Forward Unit)\*\* from deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, I will no longer maintain authority to convene Special Courts-Martial or take initial action as convening authority.

2. In accordance with reference (b), I am forwarding the subject case to the Commanding Officer, \*\*Squadron (Forward Unit)\*\* for disposition.

**[Only if forwarded to a superior commander use the following]**

3. In accordance with reference (b), I recommend disposition in the form of trial by **General Court-Martial**. A summary of evidence or copy thereof is attached for your consideration.

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(c) R.C.M. 604(b), MCM (2002 Edition)

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2. In accordance with reference (b), I am forwarding the subject case to the Commanding Officer, \*\*Squadron (Forward Unit)\*\* for disposition.
3. The forwarding of these charges is necessary and urgent, within the meaning of reference (c), as my ability to act as convening authority endures only for the duration of the deployment of \*\*Squadron (Forward Unit)\*\* which is unexpectedly due to return shortly and before any findings in the subject case are returned. The early return of \*\*Squadron (Forward Unit)\*\* was an unforeseen military necessity, which in turn caused this action.

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UNITED STATES )

v. )

WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGES )

JOHN J. SMITH )

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1. Pursuant to R.C.M. 604, the Charges referred in the above case on 5 March 2003, are hereby withdrawn, with the intent to forward them to the Commanding Officer, \*\*Squadron (Forward Unit) \*\*, for disposition. The Charges have not been dismissed.

2. Withdrawal of charges is required and is for good cause, as my ability to act as convening authority endures only for the duration of the deployment of \*\*Squadron (Forward Unit) \*\*, which is due to return shortly and before any findings in the subject case are expected to be returned.

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LT. M. HARD  
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC  
Convening Authority

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I. M. HARD  
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC  
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