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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Director, Defense Logistics Agency, Alexandria, Virginia
22314 (Attn: DLA-SMP)

Subj: Non-controlled Drugs Biologicals and Reagents;
Reutilization of

Ref: (a) DoD 4160.21-M

Encl: (1) Doctor C.G. Smith, Div of Health Services, Raleigh,
N.C. ltr of 7 Oct 82

1. The reference provides guidance for utilization through donation for surplus non-controlled medical items. However, provisions are not included for subject items with an expired shelf-life for which the military Services currently have disposal responsibility. A change to the reference which is in staffing will transfer the responsibility for disposal of expired non-controlled medical items to DLA.

2. In the interim, Fleet Marine Force (FMF) units stock large quantities of medicines and reagents as war reserve assets. The utilization of such large quantities and/or combat peculiar items is impossible through continued efforts to rotate the stock locally prior to expiration. The State of North Carolina was queried concerning the disposal of expired shelf-life items in a landfill. In response, it was recommended that these expired supplies be donated to the North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine for teaching and research purposes. (see the enclosure.)

3. In that the above recommendation would provide reutilization of expired subject items, your assistance is requested in obtaining a General Services Administration and Food and Drug Administration blanket approval to reutilize expired medicines/reagents through donation to State Veterinarian Schools.

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By direction

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MEMORANDUM

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October 7, 1982

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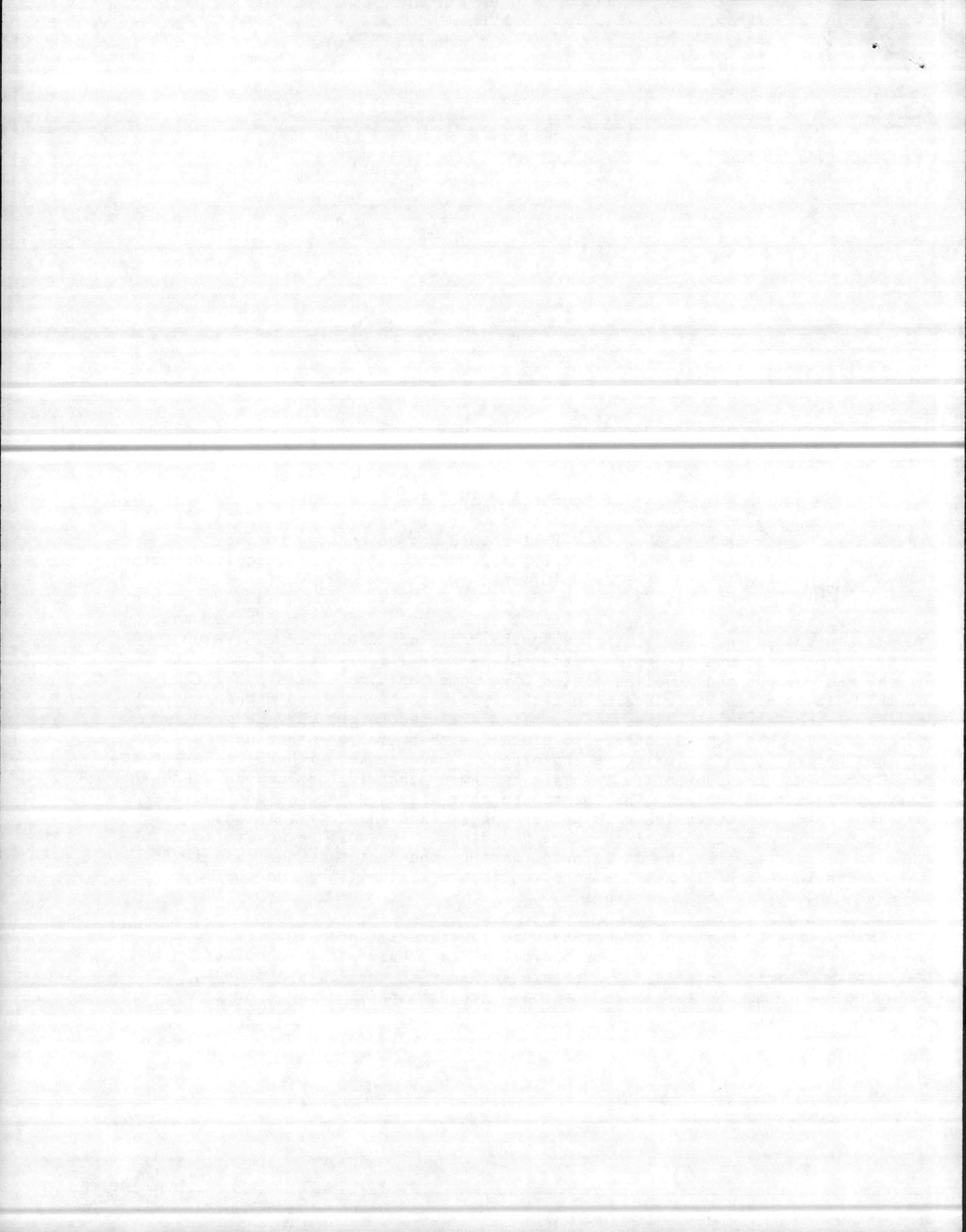
Dear Mr. Sharpe:

-I have reviewed the list of "outdated" medicines and medical supplies you sent with regard to their acceptability for disposal in a landfill. There are four items listed which I feel should not be considered for burial: formaldehyde, phenol, glacial acetic acid, phisoex (hexachlorobenzene), gamma benzene, Kwell, and similar solutions.

I was amazed in reviewing the list that the value of the medicines and supplies proposed for landfilling is in the range of \$250,000. I have put quotation marks around the word "outdated" because I feel that the majority of the medications and supplies listed have some legitimate uses other than burial. It is of enough concern that the system has overlooked mechanisms to ensure that these medicines and supplies are used before they become outdated. It is of equal concern to proceed with burial or other destruction of them before potential uses are explored. I have spoken with Major Ray Bourque and Captain ~~R~~ Chaney who are in basic agreement that if they can be used, then they should not be buried. They mentioned that military regulations would preclude making them available to private physicians and veterinarians and in light of the fact that they are "outdated", it would be unwise to allow them to be used to treat human illness, despite the fact that the majority of the medications probably have retained their original potency and the majority of the supplies may still be sterile.

May I suggest that an attempt be made to transfer these supplies to a research facility such as the North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh. We have spoken with the Assistant Dean, Dr. Donald Howard, who expressed a strong interest in all or part of these supplies for teaching and research purposes. We would be glad to assist





You in completing any procedures necessary to effect their transfer to the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Charles Gregory Smith, M.D.

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Medical Epidemiologist

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- cc: Lt. Col. R. F. Calta
- Major Ray Bourque
- ✓ Captain Ray Chaney
- Ronald H. Levine, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Director
- O. W. Strickland, Head, Solid & Hazardous Waste Branch
- Donald Howard, D.V.M., Assistant Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine

