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Mr. Thomas M. Roach  
County Manager, Onslow County  
107 New Bridge Street  
Jacksonville, N. C. 28540

Dear Mr. Roach:

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 18, 1977, in which you invited me to discuss the possibilities of a mutual project to provide future potable water for the County and Marine Corps Base.

The recently appointed Advisory Commission on water and sewer is a positive step in formulating a long-range solution to a potential County-wide problem. The planners who designed this Base considered the long-range aspects concerning potable water, and the more than 35 years of the Base's existence has proven their original analyses to be correct; this merely points out the validity of long-range planning.

It appears that the County has developed tentative alternatives toward future solutions to provide potable water. Among the alternatives, I am sure, are some that actively involve Marine Corps Base. Our efforts have been toward self-sufficiency, however, future County development may dictate that we reevaluate our plans.

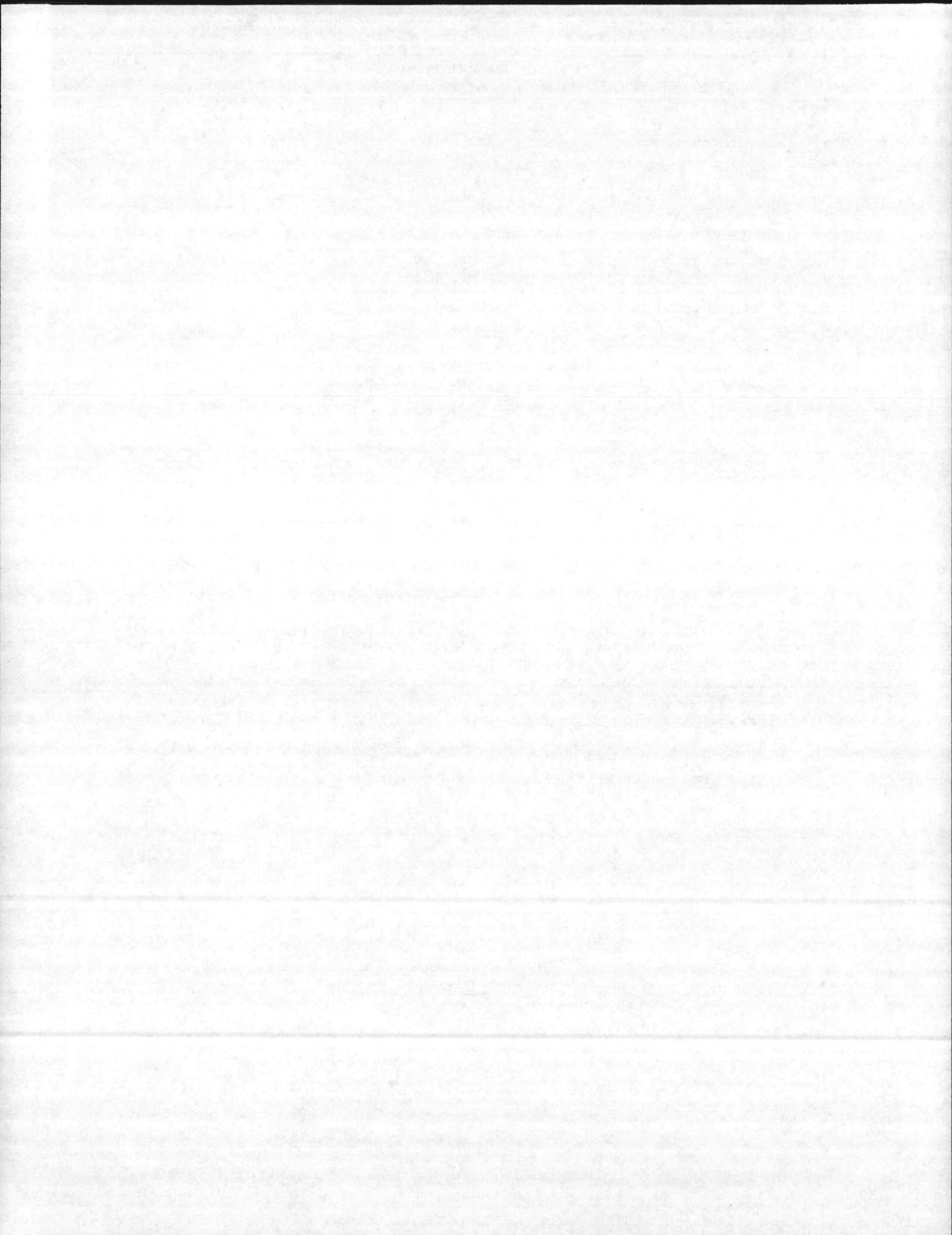
Prior to our personally discussing the possibilities of mutual, long-range planning, I would like to request a briefing on whatever progress the County has made in formulating tentative options. I envision the presentation as a nondecision-making session with the purpose of bringing me and my technical staff members up-to-date on community planning on potable water and sewerage solutions. If you can arrange such a briefing, I would be pleased to host it here at my Headquarters.

Sincerely,

H. POGGEMBER, Jr.  
Major General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding

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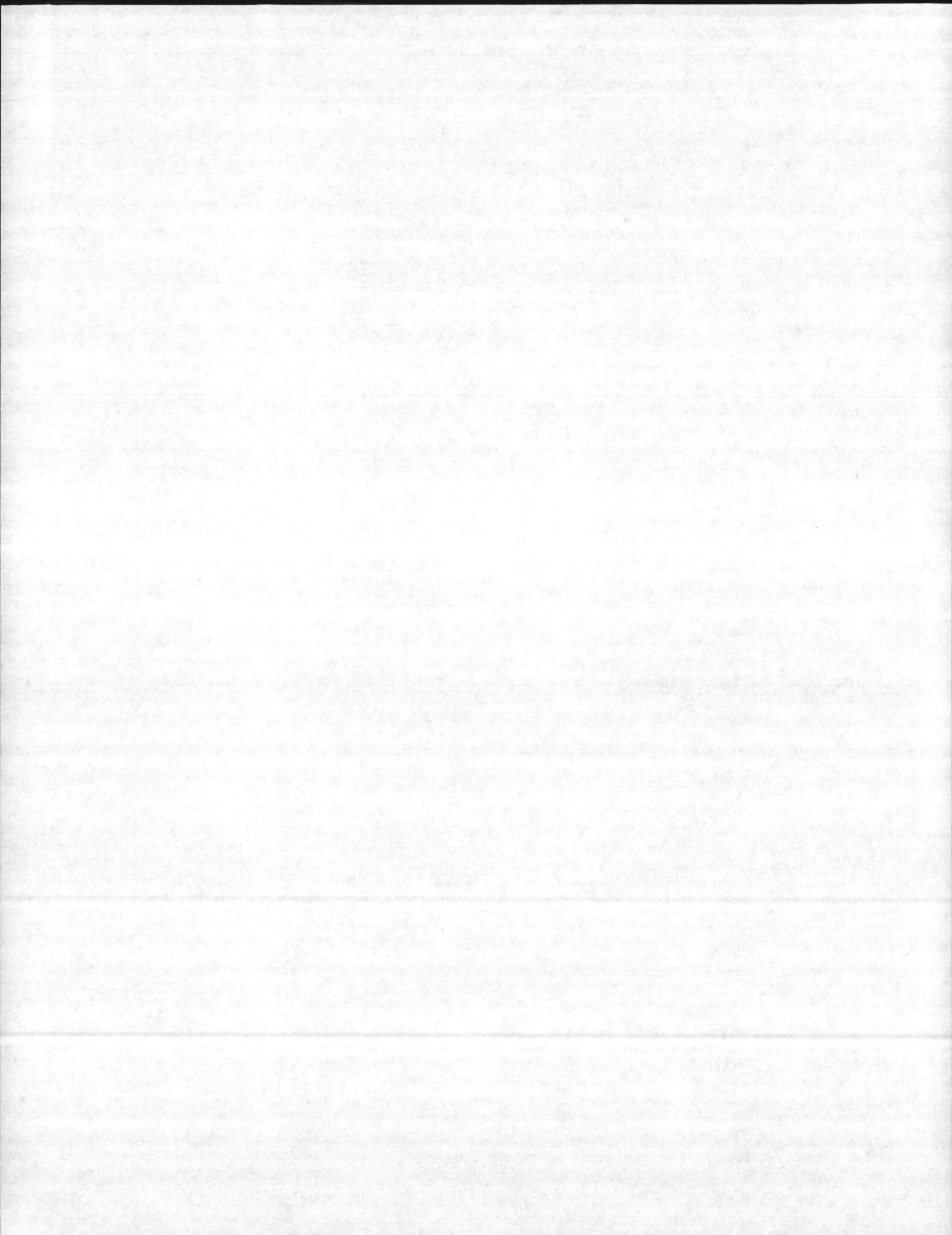
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*M. Carter*

"LET'S THINK OF A FEW REASONS  
WHY IT CAN BE DONE"



# ONslow COUNTY

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Office of the  
County Manager

March 18, 1977

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Major General H. Poggemeyer, Jr.  
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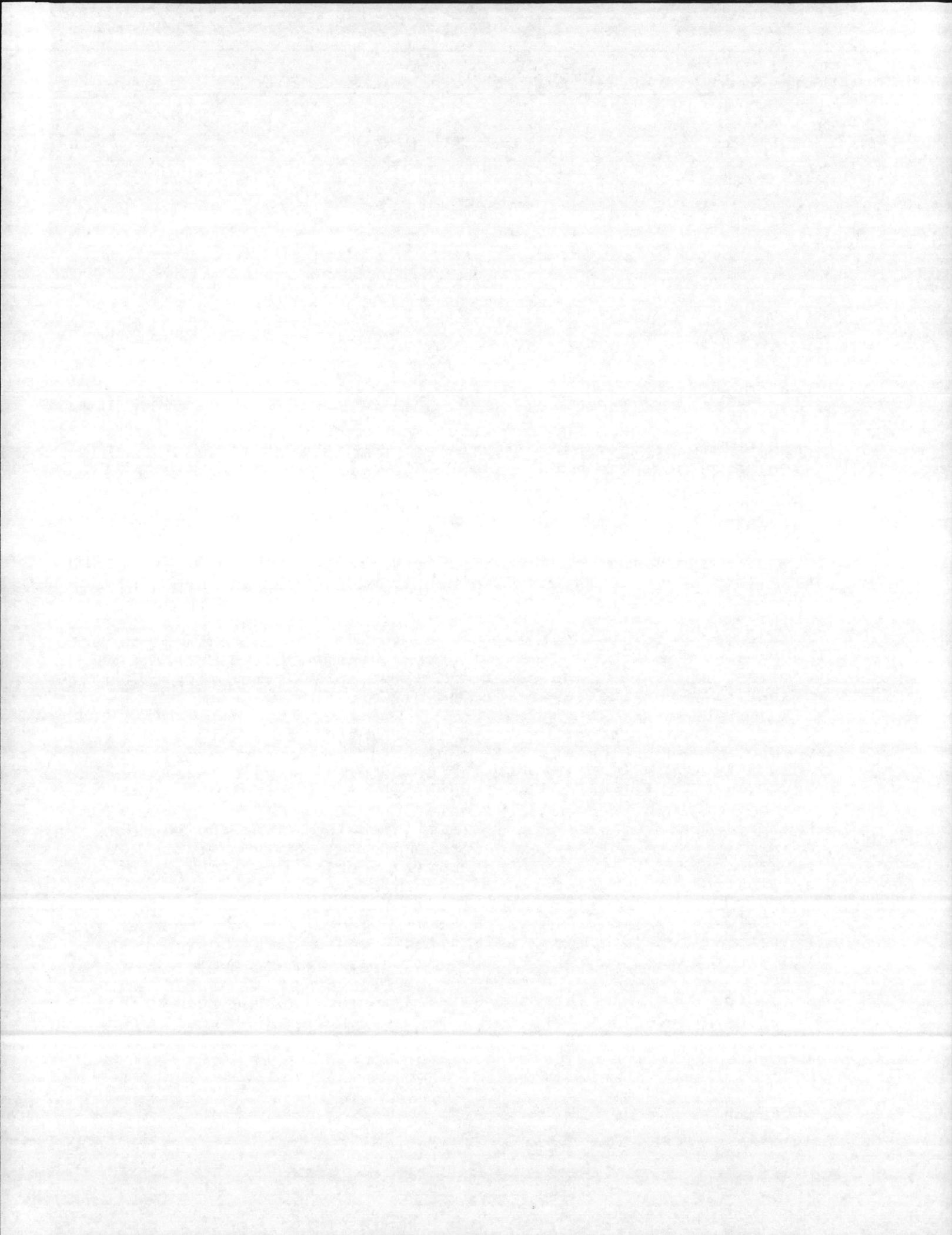
Dear General Poggemeyer:

About two years ago overtures were made with regard to the possibility of the sale of water by Camp Lejeune to the County. Also, a request was made via our then Congressman, David Henderson, who contacted the Commandant. I am enclosing a copy of the Commandant's letter to Congressman Henderson, a copy of which is the only evidence we have in our files.

Over the years most counties in North Carolina have shied away from becoming involved in county-wide water and sewer operations. However, with the ever pressing need for potable water and proper treatment of waste county governments in the future are going to have to face up to many of these problems. Recently the Board of Commissioners appointed a ten man Advisory Commission on water and sewer and we are now formulating overall plans for water and sewer for Onslow County.

Many funding programs, both federal and state, are contingent upon counties having an overall plan for the entire area. For this reason we would like to open the door for long range planning to explore possibilities of working with Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune in solving long range potable water problems. We are aware, for example, that the water table from which the Marine Base presently draws its raw material has been dropping steadily over the last twenty years. In fact, the dropping of this water table has eliminated many shallow wells in fringe areas around the Base.

Between Jacksonville and Richlands, past the Half Moon area, I am told lies an almost inexhaustible underground source of excellent potable water. As the majority of the predicted growth in the County appears to be headed northeast of Jacksonville, and since the County is interested in exploring the most economical means of providing future potable water, perhaps it would be in our mutual best interest to think in terms of a mutual project whereby production of water could be concentrated at the greatest source of raw material with sufficient sized transmission lines to



General Poggemeyer

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insure future requirements for both County citizens and the Marine Base at the same time.

I think it would be well worth our time to sit and personally discuss the possibilities of that which I have previously adhered to at your earliest convenience.

With kindest personal regards

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. Roach", written in a cursive style.

Thomas M. Roach  
County Manager

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Enclosure





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20380

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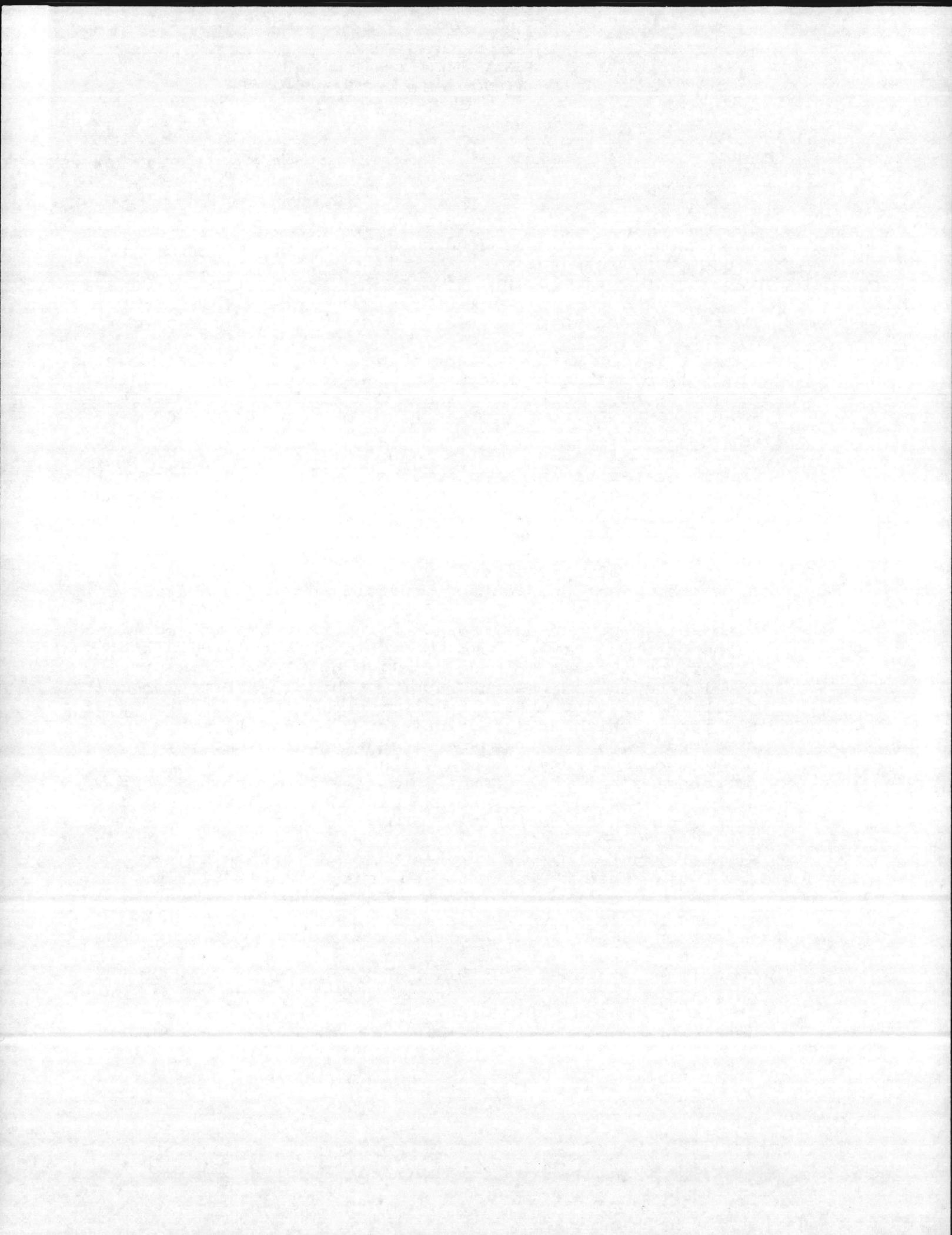
The Honorable David N. Henderson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Henderson:

This is in reply to your letter of 22 April 1975 concerning the sale of water by Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, to Onslow County, North Carolina. You also requested information pertaining to the water rates charged by the Camp Lejeune command.

It is the Marine Corps policy that utilities services will be provided to private parties, including municipalities and public institutions, only when there are no local private or public sources. Only in cases of extreme urgency involving national defense, natural disasters, or public health and safety can activity commanders authorize such services. The decision for providing utilities services on a continuing basis to local private or public sources rests with this Headquarters, based on information and recommendations of the activity commander. In this regard, a thorough investigation must be made of all possible methods of developing an independent supply. This investigation must determine whether there are alternate solutions both present and future which are practical and economical. When provided, such utilities services are furnished private parties on a purely temporary basis. Circumstances surrounding the sale of utilities services are reviewed once a year with a view toward discontinuing such services at the earliest practicable date.

As pertains to the water rates charged at Camp Lejeune, I can advise that the rate for the base area is \$0.5266 per 1,000 gallons; the rate for the Tarawa Terrace area is \$0.6086 per 1,000 gallons. These rates, which went in effect on 1 July 1974, are reviewed and subject to change as circumstances warrant. They are computed utilizing the formula and guidance established by the Department of the Navy. The formula takes into account all costs of production and distribution, factors for interest and depreciation of the plant, plus a factor of 7 percent for a



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proportional share of the general and administrative expenses. The actual production cost, which includes only the actual labor and materials used in the treatment of water, is \$0.33 per 1,000 gallons.

In closing, permit me to add here that the process for making a determination to provide utilities to a private party requires a considerable amount of detailed study. In this regard, it is recommended that the Onslow County authorities contact the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, to ascertain the procedures to be followed.

I appreciate your interest in these matters and hope that the preceding information will be of some assistance.

Sincerely,

*R. E. Cushman, Jr.*

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General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

