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23 Jul 1984

From: Supervisory Ecologist
To: Director, Natural Resource and Environmental Affairs
Division

Subj: PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR LAV CREW TRAINING
IN HOFFMAN FOREST

Ref: (a) Chairman, Environmental Impact Review Board ltr 5420/2
Fac 18 Jul 1984
(b) BO 11000.1B
(c) MCO P11000.8B

1. The Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) provided by reference (a) was prepared following current procedures in reference (b). The description is adequate for initial review. However, a map showing roads to be traveled should be incorporated into environmental impact assessment document. The following comments are provided relative to accuracy of section 5 of the subject PEA.

a. Air Quality: Agree

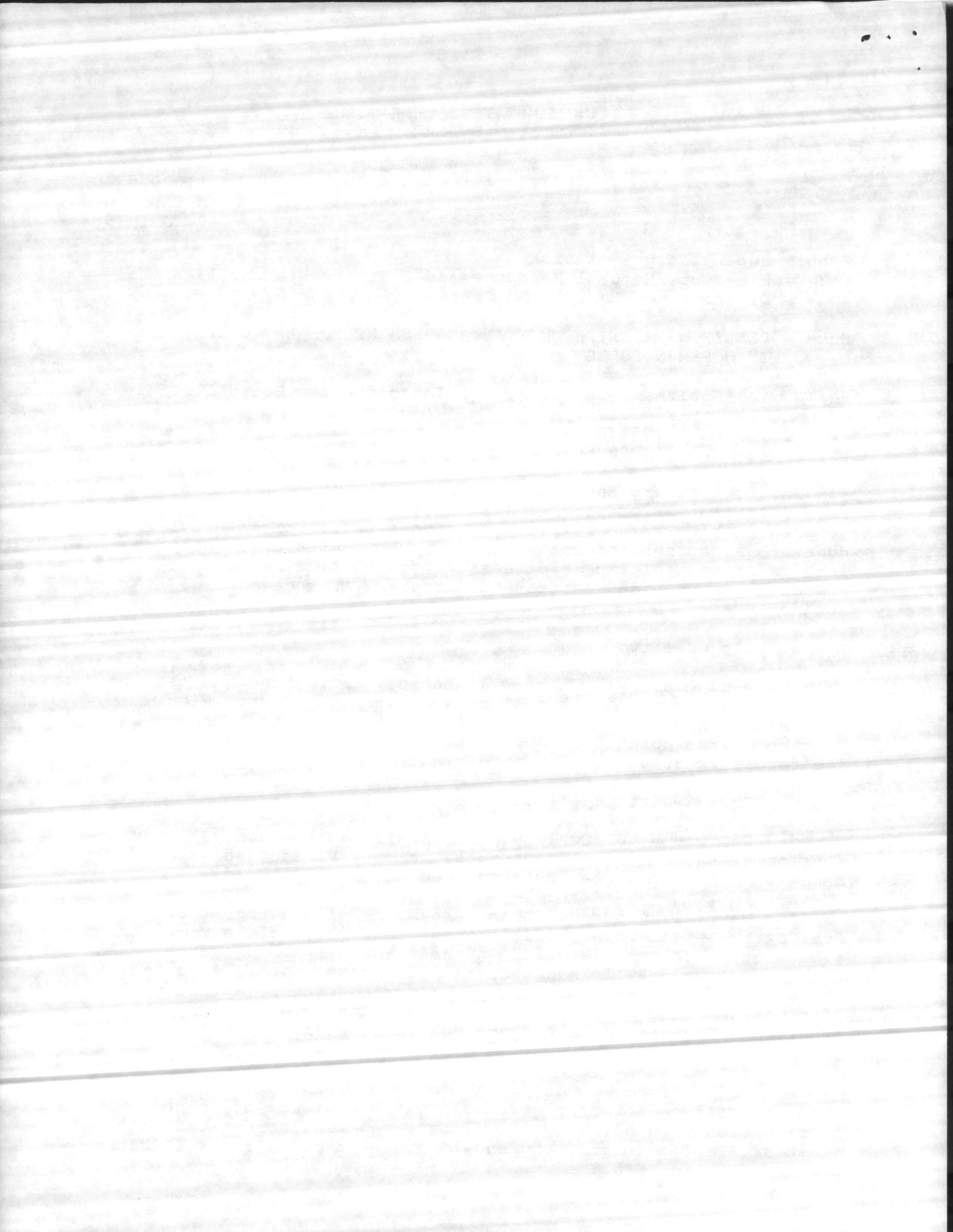
b. Land Quality: There will be soil disturbance to the forest roads even under excellent weather conditions. High levels of management and supervision of the operation will be required. Has potential to be controversial if public access to the forest is affected by road damage.

c. Groundwater Quality: Agree

d. Surface Water Quality: There will be some increase in erosion/siltation (highly dependent on supervision and maintenance). Sanitary waste disposal needs to be addressed.

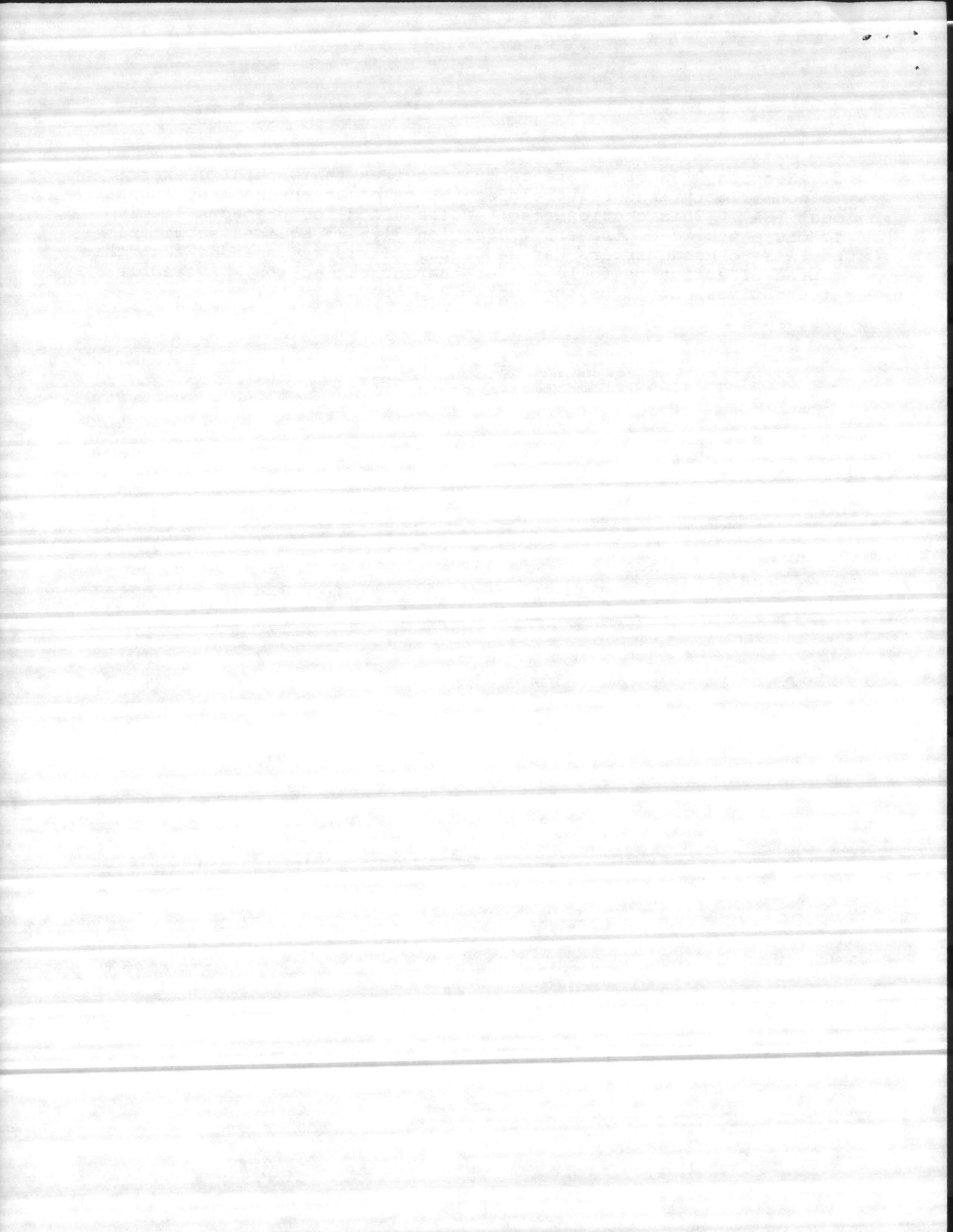
e. Natural Resources: Many areas of Hoffman Forest are used for fox hunting. This citizens group is highly active with strong ties with state legislature. Any conflict with this group should be addressed carefully and thoroughly. These hunters frequent the area during the night time period proposed for LAV training. Road damage could affect public access unless timely maintenance provided. The area involved are public gamelands open to the hunting public.

f. Socio-Economic Considerations: Off base persons and property will be affected at levels which could be perceived as significant by noise traffic impact and dust associated with vehicle. Public controversy should be anticipated and sufficient public education provided.



2. Section 3109 of reference (c) provides that training exercise in nonmilitary land require preparation of an environmental assessment (EA). This section also requires EA's for projects likely to cause public controversy. Section 3105.2 requires submittal of EA's to Headquarters Marine Corps. It is recommended that this course of action be followed for the subject action. Available alternatives should be thoroughly explored.

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From: Base Wildlife Manager
To: Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
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Subj: REVIEW OF PEA FOR LAV CREW TRAINING

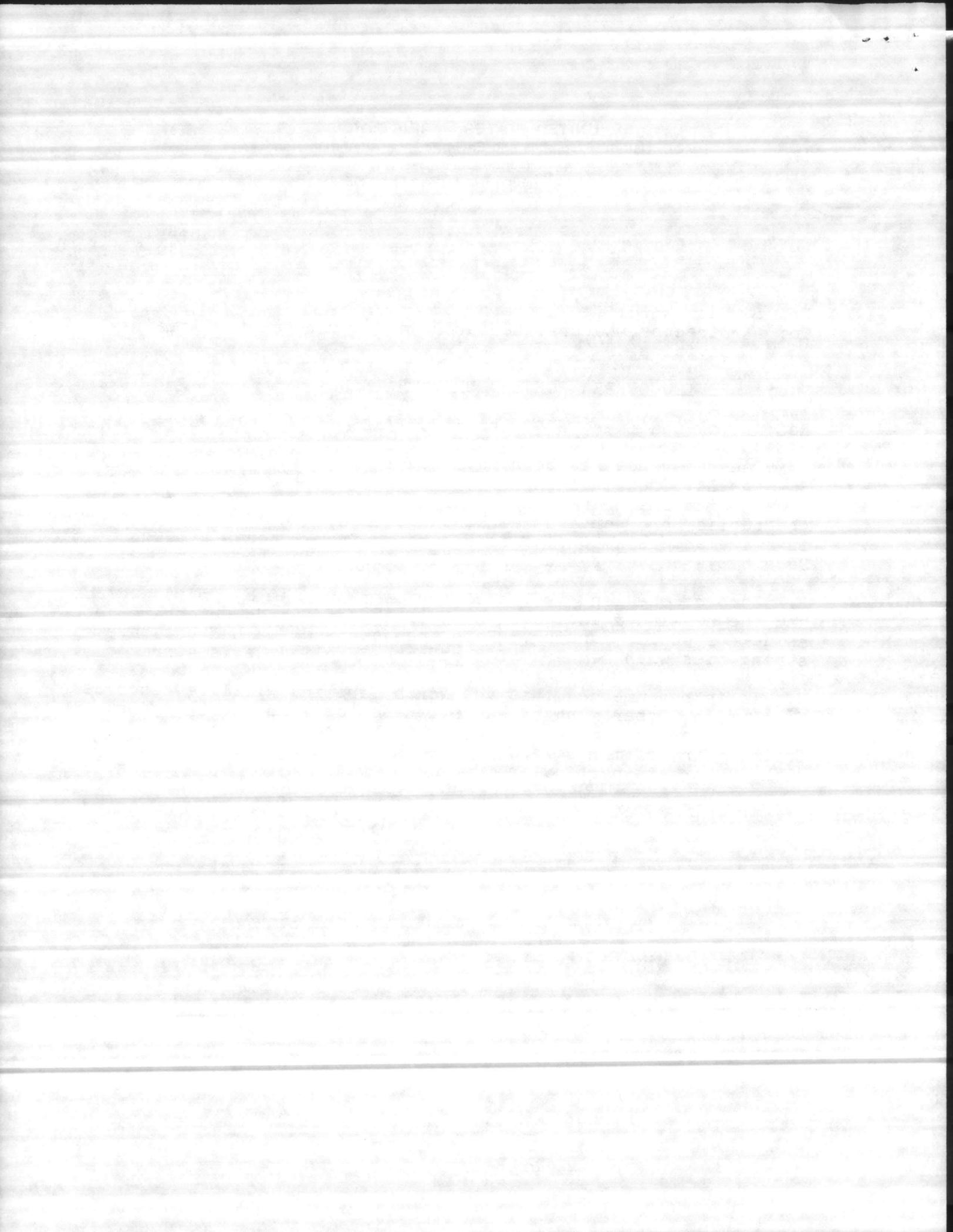
Ref: (a) Chairman, EIRB ltr 5420/2 FAC of 18 Jul 1984

1. The reference has been reviewed as requested relative to the PEA for LAV Crew Training in the Hoffman Forest area of Onslow County. Hoffman Forest is an area which is extensively used by the public for recreational hunting, fishing and trapping. There is a tremendous amount of deer hunting from October through December each year, and fox hunting throughout the year.

2. Some of the land is leased for deer hunting by private clubs and the remainder includes the Hoffman Game Lands which are set aside for public hunting. Both the deer and fox hunters have strong ties with members of the North Carolina Legislature.

3. It is recommended that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development be contacted concerning the proposed use of LAV Crew Training in Hoffman Forest, since there will likely be conflicts with hunters in particular.

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Subj: REVIEW PEA FOR LZ BLUEBIRD REPAIR

Ref: (a) Chairman, EIRB ltr 542072 FAE of 18 Jul 1984
(b) Volume I Archaeological and Historic Survey for MCB

1. In accordance with your request, the PEA for LZ Bluebird repair as contained in reference (a) has been reviewed. There is a possibility that a portion of Site ON^V 138 contained in reference (b) remains intact under the existing AM2 matting material. Therefore it is recommended that the portion of the site be examined by a qualified archaeologist before grading and filling is initiated.

2. Contact with the North Carolina Department of Archives and History is additionally recommended before work on the proposed project is initiated.

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