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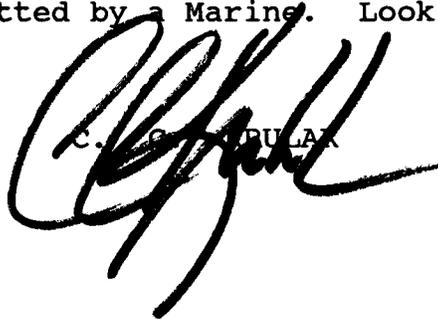
From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: All Commanding Generals
All Commanding Officers
All Officers in Charge
All Sergeants Major

Subj: HATE GROUPS

1. As a result of the recent hate crimes that have been associated with military active duty and prior service members, I want to reaffirm the Marine Corps policy on participation in groups or activities that espouse such violence. Our position is simple -- it will not be tolerated.

2. We are sworn to defend the Constitution against ALL enemies, foreign and domestic. Hate crimes are illegal and a threat to our National Security. Groups which advocate supremacist, racist, or violently militant causes are opposed to the core values that guide every Marine. While I do not believe that there is a widespread problem concerning this issue in our Corps, to ensure that our leaders have the necessary "situational awareness," I want you to review DoD Directive 1325.6 and MCO 5370.4A and personally assess the potential for problems in your commands by 15 January 1996.

3. I do not want to give the impression that large numbers of Marines are involved in such senseless and despicable actions. I do, however, want to ensure that we take action to prevent such crimes from ever being committed by a Marine. Look hard!


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