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From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Bases Japan/III Marine Expeditionary Force

Subj: STRATEGY FOR MARINE CORPS STOP MOVE AND STOP LOSS GUIDANCE AND POLICY

Ref: (a) MARADMIN 007/03

1. The reference contains the Commandant's Stop Move and Stop Loss policy. A joint Marine Corps Bases Japan (MCBJ)/III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF) Stop Move/Stop Loss Operational Project Team (OPT) has been established. The OPT will coordinate policies, procedures and guidance on all issues involved regarding this policy. The OPT will continue as required as the Stop Move and Stop Loss policy evolves.
2. All cases of Stop Move/Stop Loss, including previously approved retirement cases after 1 April, will be subject to appropriate review and decision by the first General Officer in the chain of command.
3. Major subordinate commands (MSC) are directed to establish procedures and reports in accordance with the reference and guidance established by the OPT. Ambiguous cases will be referred to MSC G-1's for clarification. No Marine meeting the criteria for retention on active duty/on station will be transferred or separated without appropriate review and the express approval by the first General Officer in their respective chain of command.
4. Immediate coordination with departments and agencies that provide services and support to our Marines and their families will be made to ensure those services and support are not interrupted. The OPT will arrange coordination through a responsible department in order to eliminate or minimize action by the individual Marine. Services/support coordination will include but are not limited to other military services.
5. The point of contact for MCBJ/III MEF Stop Move/Stop Loss OPT is Major Annette Houston, 645-7440/7449.

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