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August 15, 2014

Mr. Akira Kameyama  
President  
The Nature Conservation Society of Japan (NCSJ)

Dear Mr. Kameyama:

Subj: REQUEST TO ENTER RESTRICTED WATERS IN THE OURA-WAN BAY  
21-25 AUGUST 2014

Ref: (a) NCSJ letter dated 13 August 2014

I received the above-referenced letter and have considered your request to enter restricted waters surrounding Camp Schwab in Okinawa for the purpose of conducting independent natural resources surveys.

The restricted water areas you are asking to enter constitute an active Japan construction site and US military training areas. This construction project is being managed by the Okinawa Defense Bureau (ODB). Our understanding is that Japan studied the potential impacts of the current construction activity under Japanese Environmental Impact Assessment law. We consulted with the ODB regarding your request. They informed us that the requested access to the temporary restricted water area would be problematic since the proposed survey areas are located at ODB work areas on the water where construction and military watercraft are operating and entrants' safety cannot be ensured. Accordingly, access to the requested area by personnel for other than construction support or military training cannot be supported at this time. Therefore your request is denied.

Any questions regarding Japan's Environmental Impact Assessment should be directed to the Okinawa Defense Bureau.

Sincerely,

C. B. SNYDER

Deputy Commander  
Marine Corps Installation Pacific