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THE WHITE HOUSE
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My dear Congressman McDonough:

I read with a lot of interest your letter in regard to the Marine Corps. For your information the Marine Corps is the Navy's police force and as long as I am President that is what it will remain. They have a propaganda machine that is almost equal to Stalin's.

Nobody desires to belittle the efforts of the Marine Corps but when the Marine Corps goes into the army it works with and for the army and that is the way it should be.

I am more than happy to have your expression of interest in this naval military organization. The Chief of Naval Operations is the Chief of Staff of the Navy of which the Marines are a part.

Sincerely yours



Honorable Gordon L. McDonough
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

THE ABOVE IS AN AUTHENTIC FACSIMILE COPY OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S FAMOUS REPLY TO ME CONCERNING THE U. S. MARINE CORPS.





Bottom row: Left end Capt. Hart, 2nd from left Maj. Draper, 3rd from left Lt. Col. Stevens, 4th from left is Col. Antonelli

center row, 2nd from left is 1st Lt. Lyndell M. Orsburn, 5th from left is 1st Lt. Tom Angus, 6th from left is 1st Lt. Earnie Pope.