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MEMORANDUM

To: All NATI Personnel
From: Stu Binger, Training Officer
Subj: Care and cleaning of weapons

Gentlemen, I know the Mini-14 is somewhat difficult to clean and are very prone to rust. But we must make the effort and it is imperative that all weapons are kept clean. I have seen numerous weapons in various states of decay. With the humid conditions in the UHV and the conditions flying on the Wrangler, you must at least wipe down your weapons each day and run an oily patch down the bore. Do not put them in a gun case and leave them without proper care. Should the Embassy recall the weapons for an inspection, it would be at the very least, embarrassing.

If you have a problem breaking down and cleaning your weapons, please contact me and we'll get it solved. I have handouts for the proper breakdown of the Mini-14. I know cleaning gear is scarce, but it is up to you to put together your own kit - it's not that difficult. We must keep all weapons cleaned - issued or personal. I don't want to get in a situation where we have to conduct weapons inspections. If you are one of the people who keep their weapons clean, keep up the good work and rest easier knowing that you won't have a 6 pound club when you need a rifle. If you are not one of these people, please become one, we don't need another stupid black mark against us.