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Camp David Personnel Relieved For Using Pot

THURMONT — Forty-six military personnel responsible for maintenance and security at Camp David were reassigned Tuesday after an investigation revealed the alleged use of marijuana.

Because of the sensitivity of the assignment and the special clearance procedures followed in the selection of the personnel to this facility, all those involved in any way were transferred.

The situation was brought to the attention of the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. David B. Miller on April 27 by personnel who had observed what they believed use of marijuana.

Lt. Col. Miller immediately began his own informal investigation, and later requested a formal investigation by Department of Defense investigators.

The formal investigation was completed on Monday, May 7 and will be made available to the Navy and the Marine Corps for review. This review will determine whether any further action is appropriate against the 28 marines and 18 sailors found to be using the marijuana.

Lt. Col. Miller advised Department of Defense officials that at no time was there a breach of Camp David security.

"Some of the personnel transferred admitted use of marijuana at some time during their assignment," the Defense Department said. "Others were either suspected of use or provided information used during the investigation."

Total force of the camp guard is about 160 men.