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Marines at Subic  
Bay--Navy Says

It's Not Unusual

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Two amphibious Marine attack groups are at the U.S. Navy base at Subic Bay, but the Navy said yesterday their presence is "not unusual."

The statement was issued after the Manila Times Journal reported that a battalion landing team of Marines arrived last week at the bay.

The report said it was the first time that such Marine units showed up at Subic since the Vietnam peace agreement.

"The report is incorrect," a Navy statement said.

"Two amphibious forces operate in the western Pacific and frequently visit Subic Bay. The presence of amphibious ships and marines in Subic Bay is not unusual."

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