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Dear Ms. Fore:

The Commission of Fine Arts reviewed several designs for the obverse and reverse of a silver dollar coin to commemorate the 230th anniversary of the Marine Corps at its meeting on 21 September 2004. The results were as follows:

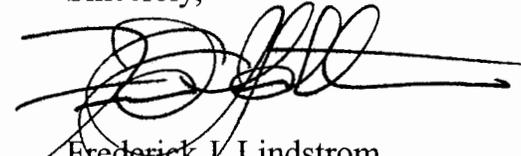
## Obverse

The preference was for design #8, because of the simplicity of the rendering of the Iwo Jima photograph, but #7 was also mentioned as an alternate.

## Reverse

Either rendition of the Marine Corps emblem, #1 or #7, was considered acceptable, but there was a slight edge given to #7, because of its uncluttered design. The other designs, showing marines of the 18th and 21st centuries, were considered much too busy to be effective on a coin.

Sincerely,



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