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Kirsten D. Madison became Director of International Affairs and Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commandant in October 2008.

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