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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
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SUBJECT: A Drug Prevention Program for Schools Operated by the
Department of Defense

By memorandum to heads of executive departments and agencies, President Reagan inaugurated six Federal initiatives for a drug-free America on October 4, 1986. One of these initiatives is drug-free schools. With respect to schools operated by DoD (Department of Defense Dependents Schools [DoDDS] overseas and Section 6 Schools [S6S] in the United States and Puerto Rico), the memorandum specifically instructed the Secretaries of Education and Defense "to work together to develop a model drug prevention program in Department of Defense schools."

A task group with members from the DoDDS and S6S was established to formulate a plan for a model drug prevention program to achieve the goal of drug-free DoD schools. This group was tasked with both development and implementation of the plan by the coming school year. An outline of the major activities within the approved plan is presented below.

Drug Survey - Conduct a survey to determine the extent and character of drug use in DoD schools. A recent USAREUR study indicated that between four and eight percent of the adolescent population in USAREUR is in need of substance abuse treatment. This is consistent with findings at stateside schools. Currently, DoDDS is participating in a national survey on drugs which provides general information about drug use in the schools. Information from this survey will be available by the beginning of school year 1987-88.

Drug Policy - Finalize policies regarding drug abuse to provide students and DoDDS employees clear and specific penalties regarding drug possession, use and distribution. These policies will be in effect for school year beginning 1987-88.

Enforcement - Enforce established policies against drug use fairly and consistently. Improve security of school sites and school activities against the introduction of illegal drugs. In school year 1987-1988, administrative staffs of DoD schools will receive in-service training from DoD legal advisors regarding student and employee constitutional and statutory rights in such areas as due process, search and seizure, and suspension and expulsion. Additionally, through security officials within DoD schools, DoD administrators will require that security measures be an integral part of all school planning.

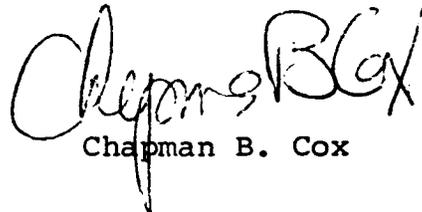
Drug Programs -

1. Instructional Programs - Select and implement drug prevention programs, kindergarten through twelfth grades. DoDDS has reviewed instructional materials on behalf of all DoD schools. Selection of materials, procurement actions, in-service training for teachers and supervisors and implementation procedures are scheduled to take place throughout the summer and next school year. The instructional materials are drug prevention programs as opposed to standard drug information programs.

2. Another Approach: DARE Program Pilot - Pilot the DARE Program in selected DoDDS schools in Europe and S6S in the United States. The DARE Program is a primary prevention program which focuses on middle grade students. It requires collaboration between law enforcement officials and educators. Attached at tab A is an information paper about the DARE Program pilot.

3. Schools Without Drugs: The Challenge - Participate in the Challenge campaign. The Challenge campaign is a nationwide campaign "to ensure that schools our children attend are drug-free and to unite local communities--parents, students, teachers, administrators, law enforcement officials and community organizations--to stop illegal drug use in schools." Along with materials provided by the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Defense will furnish each school in The Challenge campaign with a signed certificate of commitment to the goals of drug-free DoD schools. A brochure on The Challenge is at tab B.

By separate letter, I will be contacting Unified Commanders about the drug-free DoD schools initiative emphasizing the DARE Program pilot and The Challenge campaign. I would appreciate your support for this program in our DoD schools.


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Attachments:
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