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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Subject: A Systems Approach to Drug Demand Reduction in the Force

This note is to let you know what we have been doing in support of your recommendations to improve Drug Demand Reduction in the Force. We have embraced your ideas, and are moving forward smartly in their implementation starting.

Organizationally, the funding responsibilities for FY 2012 and beyond have been shifted from the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness, Dr Sam Kleinman. The drug testing management team and policy responsibility have also transferred from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and are now subsumed under Dr Kleinman.

By working with the Comptroller, we were able to garner additional resources in FY 2012 to fix the baseline program and expand testing to include commonly abused prescription drugs. We have pushed forward methods to detect hydrocodone and are funding a test for the entire benzodiazepine class of drugs. We have efforts nearing completion that will provide the ability to verify narcotic prescriptions in the TRICARE database. Finally, we have plans underway for random unannounced drug testing in theater, as well as mobile testing units. We plan to incorporate these results as part of regular unit readiness reporting or in Department-level metrics.

With your personal support and clear leadership from the Service Chiefs, we expect to make significant progress on this important effort. Mr. Joseph J. Angello, Jr., Director of Operational Readiness and Safety, is the lead for my office. He will work actively with your staff as we move out on this important issue.


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