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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
(ATTN: CAPT WEISBERG)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(RA&CDP)

SUBJECT: Drug Testing Laboratory Automation

The selection of the U.S. Army Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory Information Management System as a migration system, as defined in the October 13, 1993 memorandum from Dr. William J. Perry, then Deputy Secretary of Defense (see attachment) has received final approval. This system will allow the Military Departments to proceed with management changes at the military drug testing laboratories. The Service's drug testing laboratories are authorized to proceed with the purchase of computer hardware and equipment that will support the automation of these laboratories, using the migration system specified above. In addition, the Services may procure additional commercial software which will allow the complete networking of the analytical equipment in the drug testing laboratories with the migration system.

As background, on October 16, 1991, the Corporate Information Management (CIM) Medical Functional Steering Committee approved the formation of a Drug Testing Laboratory Automation Subgroup to develop functional requirements for a system to support the military drug testing laboratories. A tri-Service working group proposed business process improvements, completed a functional economic analysis (FEA), and finalized data and technical management plans. Also, an integration decision paper was written and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence) to select the migration system. The CIM process will continue to evaluate and to make recommendations on future automation needs with the intent of providing the next generation of automation for the military drug testing program.

In addition, I am establishing a Joint Configuration Control Board (JCCB) to provide recommendations to the Biochemical Testing Advisory Committee to control the configuration of the migration system. The JCCB will consist of one member from the Army, the Navy and Air Force and will manage the proposed changes to the migration system. Please provide the name of a member from your Service to sit on the JCCB. The JCCB will meet on a quarterly basis or as necessary.



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The needs of all Services will be considered in making changes to the migration software which has been selected. The Army should not initiate any additional engineering change proposals from this date forward, except through the JCCB. Changes to the Air Force Drug Testing Laboratory system should be requested by the Air Force, recommended by the JCCB, and approved as described by the October 13, 1993 memorandum. The Army will provide assistance to the other Services in the implementation of this migration system.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Additional information may be obtained from CAPT Richard L. Hilderbrand, MSC, USN at (703) 693-1917.



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