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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (FM&P)
DIRECTOR, ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY

SUBJECT: Defense Reform Initiative Demand Reduction Reorganization Plan

As proposed in our March 24, 1998, memorandum and agreed to by all addressees, the Deputy Medical Examiner, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) would: assume chairmanship of the Biochemical Testing Advisory Committee; assume responsibility for the DoD Laboratory Certification Program; and, manage the tri-annual laboratory inspections across all three Services. In order to implement this plan, I request that the following actions be initiated:

Effective June 1, 1998, the Deputy Medical Examiner, AFIP will assume chairmanship of the Biochemical Testing Advisory Committee (BTAC) for drug testing. The Committee will meet at least semi-annually. The committee will serve as a forum for technical discussions and recommendations on issues of drug testing. Recommendations affecting policy will be forwarded for approval to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support (ODASD(DEP&S)).

Effective June 1, 1998, the Deputy Medical Examiner, AFIP, will assume responsibility for the biennial DoD Laboratory Inspection and Certification Program. The Deputy Medical Examiner will ensure that laboratories conducting military drug testing meet the scientific and forensic standards as required by Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 1010.1 and DoD Instruction 1010.16. The Deputy Medical Examiner will forward a copy of laboratory inspection findings to ODASD(DEP&S) along with recommendations regarding issuance of DoD Certification.

Effective October 1, 1998, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (M&RA) will transfer functional program responsibility for Army inspections conducted under contract DASW01-96-C-0047 to the Army Medical Command with contract execution responsibilities assumed by the Deputy Medical Examiner, AFIP. Inspections will continue to use an independent, external forensic toxicology contractor.

The integration of these functions will improve the technical and forensic oversight of military drug testing within the Services. Your continued support of the Department's Demand Reduction program is appreciated. Questions regarding this initiative may be referred to Captain John Jemionek, MSC, USN, at (703) 693-1917.

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