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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM:

Ken Bacon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Prepared by: Linda R. Tripp, DPCR, (b)(6)

SUBJECT: Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC) 60 Thank You Letters to Participants - ACTION MEMORANDUM

PURPOSE: 1) Obtain SecDef approval of a thank you letter (Tab A) to the 60 civilians (Tab B) who participated in JCOC 60; and 2) Approve the use of his autopen signature on the letters.

DISCUSSION: JCOC 60 visited the Pentagon; U.S. Coast Guard Facilities in Yorktown, VA; Fort Hood, TX; Hurlburt Field and Eglin AFB, FL; Camp Lejeune, NC; and Norfolk Naval Facilities, Norfolk, VA, from May 4 -May 11, 1997. By all accounts it was a resounding success. We recommend that SecDef send the participants a thank you letter, since they attended at his invitation. SecDef thank you memos to the key Department officials who supported the conference will be forwarded under separate correspondence.

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> SecDef approve letter at Tab A and authorize the use of his autopen signature.

SECDEF DECISION

Approved

_____ Disapproved

Other:



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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

(Individual Name and Address)

Dear (Name):

I want to thank you for taking a week out of your busy schedule to participate in this year's Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC 60). Every report I've received indicates this year's conference was a highly successful one. That success is due largely to your personal involvement and commitment to learning more about the mission of your armed forces and the people dedicated to achieving it.

You talked to many young men and women in uniform and to the military and civilian leaders who are responsible for their readiness and well-being. Your hands-on experience provided you with a unique insight into the people, the equipment and the rigorous training that have made our military the best in the world. I hope you will share your experiences as widely as possible.

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Sincerely,

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