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MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENT, DEFENSE HEALTH BOARD

SUBJECT: Interim Response to the Defense Health Board Report

Thank you for the Defense Health Board reports on "Deployment Pulmonary Health," dated February 11, 2015, and "Combat Trauma Lessons Learned from Military Operations of 2001-2013," dated March 9, 2015. We appreciate the in-depth information and recommendations to enable us to consider approaches to assessment, prevention, research, and surveillance of pulmonary disease and the enhancement of Combat Casualty Care.

To assure a complete and thorough assessment, we are working closely with the military Services to consider how best to revise our policies and adjust our procedures to take advantage of your recommendations. As you might imagine, we have not reached total agreement on the way ahead, but though we are not yet finished, we have made much progress. We appreciate the work of the Defense Health Board.

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