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MEMORANDUM FOR PROGRAM MANAGER, FORENSIC DRUG TESTING  
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THROUGH: ARMY DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR PERSONNEL  
(ATTN: DAPE-HR)

SUBJECT: Analytical Assessment of Department of Defense Military Drug Testing

In a June 21, 1996, memorandum (copy attached), the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support requested the cooperation of the Services in a DoD-wide assessment of the drug testing program being conducted by the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA). During a recent visit to the U.S. Army Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory (FTDTL) at Fort Meade, MD, Dr. Rex Rivolo of IDA became aware of a statistical data base dating back to October 1992, of testing conducted at FTDTL, Fort Meade. The information contained in this data base includes monthly summaries of all drug testing conducted by Army units for the drugs of abuse plus all positives for the five drugs of abuse. This data base is maintained on a PC at the Fort Meade drug laboratory. Lieutenant Colonel Armitage, Commander, FTDTL, Fort Meade indicated that additional data regarding drug testing prior to October 1992 is also contained on old Honeywell computer tapes.

The information on these tapes is a valuable source of raw statistical data and should not be destroyed. Lieutenant Colonel Armitage indicated that access by representatives of IDA to the data contained in the above sources could be provided with the approval of the Army Drug Program Office. The information contained at Fort Meade is valuable in the statistical assessment of the drug testing program.

Therefore, I request that the statistical testing data contained in both the FTDTL PC and Honeywell tape files be made accessible to Dr. Rivolo. If the information contained on the Honeywell tapes is not capable of being read at the Fort Meade laboratory, IDA has the equipment that can reconstruct the information contained on the tapes. A timely approval of this request is requested. My point of contact for this action is Captain John Jemionek, MSC, USN, who may be contacted at (703) 693-1917. Your continued support of the DoD Drug Testing Program is appreciated.

  
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Principal Director for  
Drug Enforcement Policy and Support

Attachment:  
As stated

