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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE
CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2008 Status of Drug Use in the Department of Defense
Personnel

The Fiscal Year 2008 Status of Drug Use in the Department of Defense (DoD) Personnel Report is attached for your review. The report is the result of over 4.6 million military and DoD civilian drug testing analyses performed at the 6 military forensic toxicology drug testing laboratories.

Overall, DoD continues a positive illicit drug rate below the acceptable rate of 2 percent while the not on Active Duty, high-risk Army National Guard rate has exceeded the acceptable rate for the 3rd year in a row. This high-risk population comprises 35 percent of the force but accounts for 69 percent of the positive specimens.

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Attachment:
As stated