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MEMORANDUM

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Qs AND As RELATED TO HOMOSEXUALITY


1. As you are aware from media reports, consideration has been given to the possibility of revoking the present CF policy on homosexual activity. Although a decision has not yet been taken, a series of Qs and As are being developed for the benefit of commanders. Two of the questions relate directly to medical issues. The questions, and possible answers, are enclosed.

2. Would you please review the questions and the draft answers to ensure they accurately express your position. As well, it would be appreciated if you could advise if there are other medically-related questions that should be asked and answered. One such question that has been suggested is as follows:

"Will the presence of homosexuals in combat situations, where all members may be exposed to blood and other bodily fluids from killed or injured compatriots, increase the risk of HIV infection for heterosexuals?"

3. Because of the sensitivity of the issue, and because a decision on the future of the policy has not yet been made, it is requested that this memorandum be circulated on a strict need-to-know basis.

4. A reply by 30 Dec 91 is requested.


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