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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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TO: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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FROM: Mr. F.C. Ahlgraber, Jr., USD (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics) and
Dr. David N. C. Chu, USD (Personnel & Readiness)

SUBJECT: Strategy Development for Force Health Protection Against Biological Threats

I recommend the following course of action to carry out your plan for anthrax and other vaccines required for Force Health Protection:

- USD(AT&L) will review and assess performance of BioPort Corporation and make a determination of future funding to support the strategy outlined below. Report completed by Sept 01.
The current Anthrax Vaccine Investigation Program will continue at a minimum level (critical personnel and projects only). USD(AT&L) will implement an acquisition strategy to purchase additional bio-detectors and stockpiles of antibiotics to augment force protection in the absence of an anthrax vaccine.
- USD(P&R) will request PA&E to provide the scenario analyses needed for future decisions related to the threat of biological agents. Report to USD(P&R) Dec 01.
- USD(P&R) will request DIA through C3I to provide a comprehensive review of the doctrinal positions of any State or group to use biological weapons as a part of their offensive/defensive strategies. Report to USD(P&R) by Dec 01.
- USD(P&R) will coordinate with appropriate DoD officials to develop a coherent institutional process to assess and prioritize biological threats and approve the use of associated countermeasures. Prepare DoD Directives for coordination by Dec 01.
- USD(AT&L) and USD(P&R) will continue their inter-agency efforts to develop a national long-range vaccine that will address the full range of requirements of the DOD, DHS, and other stakeholders in this plan. This plan will include an evaluation of the need for a dedicated vaccine facility to serve the national interest. Provide an interim report to SecDef by Dec 01.

COMMENTATION: Secretary of Defense approves strategy development by taking this page.

COORDINATION: None

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