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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Arlington, VA, 22202

**Re: Disestablishment of the AFIP, retention of Tissue Repository and
Medical Museum**

Dear Chairman Principi,

The BRAC commission wisely requires retention of the AFIP Tissue Repository and Medical Museum as National Military Treasures and indeed internationally renowned components.

I wish to strongly support the BRAC proposal to retain the tissue repository configured as the active resource it has always been rather than mainly a static archive. The Repository, defined, as a Resource Centre provides a future orientation and accurately defines how the material so meticulously collected and catalogued has become a living, accessible and trusted resource. Retention of the Military Medical Museum also is totally appropriate.

I believe this refinement of your BRAC commission document's reference to the AFIP Tissue Repository retention as a "National Military Resource Center" is a wise and prudent proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David F. Hardwick'.

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