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MEMORANDUM FOR OSD BRAC CLEARINGHOUSE

FROM: AF/SGE
1780 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1780

SUBJECT: OSD BRAC Clearinghouse Tasker 0870

Attached is the Medical Joint Cross Service Group response to the referenced query.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (703) 692-6990 or
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Hamilton".

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Attachments:

1. Response to Query

1. *What is meant by the word “disestablish?” Does it mean that the entity will no longer exist anywhere within the DoD or does it mean it will no longer exist where it presently is and that another entity within the DoD system will take on that function?*

Answer: The AFIP recommendation proposes to disestablish the AFIP and its functions. Those functions provide particular capabilities to the Department. While the functions may be disestablished, the capability may continue to be provided within the DoD or some other agency. The disposition of various capabilities provided by AFIP will be determined during the implementation of the recommendation.

2. *Recommendation Med-4 disestablishes several elements of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) and creates a new Program Management Office at Bethesda.*

- *What specific entities/functions/departments of AFIP are to be included within this new office?*

- Answer: The recommendation did not identify any particular AFIP capability to specifically relocate into the Program Management Office at Bethesda.

- *Will the National Repository of Tissue and Case Material be retained? If so, where?*

- Answer: The Tissue registry will be retained in its current spaces. We understand that 5,900 sq feet of this organization is housed at Walter Reed AMC. The disposition of this 5,900 sq feet is being determined as a part of the implementation process.

i. *Some components of the National Repository are housed on the Walter Reed campus and at the Forest Glenn Annex. If the National Repository is to be retained, what amount of square footage was it given, and were costs associated with its new location (and MILCON) included in the Cobra run?*

Answer: We understand that the part that is currently housed at Walter Reed includes 5,900 sq feet. The COBRA run does not include MILCON for this additional floor space.

ii. *Will the Radiologic Pathology program that relies on the National Repository continue? If not, will the Department continue the program? How will the program be run?*

Answer: The disposition of the Radiologic Pathology program will be determined as a part of the implementation of the recommendation., if

approved. Opportunities exist for this program to be absorbed into any one of several DoD medical facilities, including the new Walter Reed NMMC.

- *The COBRA run for Med-4 shows that the Museum was allotted 40,000 square feet. Were the museum's assets that are in a warehouse in Gaithersburg included in the COBRA run? If not, what will be the disposition of those assets?*
- Answer: The assets in the Gaithersburg warehouse were included in the closure of leased space location. The AFIP Board of Governors will determine the final location/outcome of these assets.
- *Were the costs for maintaining the blood stains repository, presently in leased space in Gaithersburg, included in the COBRA run? If not, why not? Who will be responsible for maintaining this DNA identification Lab component?*
- Answer: The leased space location in Gaithersburg was closed in the recommendation. The assets associated with the DNA identification lab will be realigned to Dover AFB.