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The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6050

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to forward the report prescribed in Section 751 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001. Section 751 requires the Department of Defense to submit to Congress an annual written report on the number of service members who have been separated as a result of refusing to participate in the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP).

From January 1 through December 31, 2006, no service members were separated as a result of refusing to participate in AVIP. During this time period, service members were afforded the vaccine on a voluntary basis.

For your information, attached is a table identifying the service, service component, and rank of the service members separated from CY 2001 to CY 2006.

Thank you for your continued support of the Military Health System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Winkenwerder, Jr.".

William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD

Enclosure:
As stated

cc:
The Honorable John McCain
Ranking Member

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
REPORT ON SEPARATIONS THAT RESULT FROM A REFUSAL
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM**

12-Mar-07

Service	CY 2001		CY 2002		CY 2003		CY 2004		CY 2005		CY 2006		
	Component	Separations	Rank	Separations	Rank	Separations	Rank	Separations	Rank	Separations	Rank	Separations	Rank
Army	Active	0	NA	0	NA	1	E4	1	O1	0	NA	0	NA
	Guard	0	NA	0	NA	10	E2,E3(3), E4(4), E5(2)	6	E2,E3(2), E5(1), CW2, O3	0	NA	0	NA
	Reserve	0	NA	0	NA	1	E5	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
Navy	Active	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
	Reserve	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
Air Force	Active	0	NA	1	E4	10	E1,E3(5)	2	E4,E5	0	NA	0	NA
	Guard	1	4	0	NA	1	E4	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
	Reserve	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	1	O4	0	NA	0	NA
Marine Corps	Active	1	E3	0	NA	3	E3,E5,O2	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
	Reserve	0	NA	0	NA	1	E4	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
DoD Total		2		1		27		10		0		0	
# of People Vaccinated in That Year		28,852		72,744		436,513		699,571		78,038		61,731	
For Each Separation, # of People Vaccinated		1 per 14,426		1 per 72,744		1 per 16,167		1 per 69,957		0 per 78,038		0 per 61,731	
Separations as % of People Vaccinated		0.0069%		0.0014%		0.0062%		0.0014%		0.0000%		0.0000%	
Comments:	Anthrax attacks, Oct-Nov 01				Injunction, Oct 04--Dec 05				EUA, APR 05-14 JAN 06 Continuation of Policy, 15 JAN-DEC 06				