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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
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SUBJECT: Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program

On December 22, 2003, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued a preliminary injunction against the current operation of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program. In response, the Department, in concert with other agencies, is evaluating possible litigation and program actions. Pending further notice, the Deputy Secretary has decided that DoD will stop giving anthrax vaccinations until the legal situation is clarified.

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