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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/SG

FROM: HQ USAF/SG3
110 Luke Avenue, Room 400
Bolling AFB DC 20032-7050

SUBJECT: Anthrax Immune Globulin Program (HA Memo, 21 Dec 07)

The DoD is working with Health and Human Services in support of a program to collect blood plasma from individuals who have been vaccinated against anthrax. The plasma will be used to produce anthrax immune globulin (AIG), which is stored in the CDC/Strategic National Stockpile for use as needed to fight anthrax infection. This program was instituted at several plasma centers near military installations in 2002 and is now being expanded to several more plasma centers throughout CONUS.

The Military Vaccine Agency (MILVAX) is coordinating the initiative to inform servicemembers about this voluntary program. DoD MTF immunization clinics will provide information to individuals through brochures, and direct individuals wishing to donate to the website (<http://www.cangene.com/aigpdp.htm>) found in the brochure for a list of plasma centers accepting donations. Individuals that successfully complete the donation process will be compensated. Additional information about the program is available at this MILVAX website: <http://www.vaccines.mil/default.aspx?cnt=resource/qaAll&dID=21&cID=316#1078>. Immunization technicians should become familiar with the contents of the brochure and the information on the MILVAX website in order to answer basic questions about the program.

Medical group commanders in CONUS will ensure their MTFs support this program by stocking and displaying the brochures in immunization clinics. Immunization clinic NCOICs can obtain information about the program and a free supply of the brochures by contacting Ms. Amanda Mishler, 1-800-601-1789, or amishler@cangene.com. My POC for this issue is Lt Col Cynthia Thomas, AFMOA/SG3PM, (202) 767-4216, DSN 297-4216, or Cynthiag.Thomas@Pentagon.af.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Loftus".

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Attachment:
HA Memo, 21 Dec 07