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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MRAI&E)  
THE JOINT STAFF, DIRECTOR FOR LOGISTICS (J-4)

**SUBJECT:** Policy for Post-Deployment Mental Health Screening in the Bosnian Theater

In a policy memorandum dated January 4, 1996 ([HA Policy 96-019](#)), I approved a plan for medical surveillance of U.S. forces deploying to Bosnia. An essential requirement of medical surveillance is the facilitation of health status monitoring, including mental health status. In order to ensure that appropriate mental health data are accessible for an ongoing monitoring process, a comprehensive dataset reflecting case record results of psychological screening must be made available. The following is a modification regarding the psychological screening procedure.

The SF 600 recording health screening results shall note:

- (a) whether or not the individual scored above cut off on any component of the written mental health screening tool and if so;
- (b) results of any screening interviews in theater (i.e., whether or not the individual received a referral and, if so, the diagnostic impression)

This modification of procedure is to take effect immediately.

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