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MEMORANDUM FOR:
DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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SUBJECT: Acquisition of Intelligent Workstations

Defense Medical Information Management is developing policies for the Information Infrastructure within the Military Health Services System (MHSS). Until an initial set of information infrastructure standards are established, it is important that the Services and Health Affairs adopt consistent approaches to the acquisition of information resources. This will maximize the potential for interoperability and compatibility with future MHSS initiatives.

One of these approaches should be to use intelligent workstations to the maximum extent, consistent with good business practice and economy, where the functions warrant such support. Within the MHSS Information Infrastructure intelligent workstations will be used in place of asynchronous or synchronous computer terminals. Even though these "dumb" terminals may be available through the several MHSS and other DoD contract vehicles, they will be acquired only in those specific instances where they are the most functional solution.

We intend to create a world class AIS infrastructure that enhances the goals of the MHSS. It is imperative that we acquire information resources that will add value in excess of their cost, and which clearly support our objectives. We want to deploy tomorrow's technology to do tomorrow's work.

If you require additional information, my point of contact is Colonel Frederick J. Seidel who may be reached at (703) 681-8792.

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