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MEMORANDUM FOR MILLENNIUM COHORT STUDY PARTICIPANTS

Subject: Appreciation for Your Contributions to Military Health Research

Improving the quality of life for Service members is a priority. The Millennium Cohort Study aims to improve the quality of life for future generations of Service members.

The Millennium Cohort is a 20-year study designed to record and evaluate the health status of individuals during and after military service. The data collected will help the Department assess the impact of military service on the health of Service members. Through this study, researchers can identify risk factors associated with specific occupations, deployments, and military activities. Identifying risk factors is key to implementing preventive measures, thus protecting future military personnel and improving their quality of life.

If you are in the Millennium Cohort, you are one of approximately 140,000 individuals contributing to the success of this important study. It may take many years for some health conditions to appear. The continued participation of cohort members, even those no longer in the military, is essential. By completing periodic surveys, you will help capture the experience of those who have defended this great Nation.

Your participation will ensure the success of this endeavor. I thank you for your support of this important effort.

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