

EXHIBIT I



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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Chemical Weapons Research Programs Using Human
 Test Subjects

On January 6, 1993, the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine published a report titled "Veterans at Risk: The Health Effects of Mustard Gas and Lewisite." Based on the findings of the report, Congressional inquiries, and requests from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, I am releasing any individuals who participated in testing, production, transportation or storage associated with any chemical weapons research conducted prior to 1968 from any non-disclosure restrictions or written or oral prohibitions (e.g., oaths of secrecy) that may have been placed on them concerning their possible exposure to any chemical weapons agents. I am also declassifying documents for all chemical weapons research studies conducted prior to 1968, with respect to the issues of personnel health and safety as specified below:

a. The location of each U. S. chemical weapons research program (chamber, field and patch) which used human subjects, the type of chemical(s) tested (e.g., sulfur or nitrogen mustard), and the start and finish dates of each test including preliminary research;

b. Identification of each military unit stationed at each research site during the testing period, and the name, service or social security number, and military unit of each individual known to have participated in a chemical weapons research or testing program (chamber, field, and patch); and

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c. The location of all facilities at which individuals participated in the production, transportation or storage of these chemical agents to include: the dates on which storage or production was begun and terminated; identification of each military unit stationed at each storage or production site; and the name, service or social security number, and military unit of each service member known to have participated in production, transportation, or storage of these chemical agents.

Secretaries of the Military Departments are tasked with the following actions:

a. Initiate procedures to fully cooperate in locating and providing the above specified information. Please ensure that the information is provided in such a way as to maintain the integrity of our records and meet Privacy Act requirements.

b. Initiate procedures to declassify documents with respect to the issues listed above for chemical weapons research studies conducted after 1968, including studies performed in support of other Federal agencies; and, release participants from any non-disclosure restrictions (e.g. oaths of secrecy) that may have been placed on them concerning their possible exposure to any chemical weapons agents during testing, production, or transportation of such chemicals. If there are any reasons that would prevent declassification of this material, those reasons should be provided to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) (ASD(FM&P)), in writing.

Information on the location, chemicals tested, and dates of each chemical weapons research program should be provided immediately. Personnel information should be provided to the ASD(FM&P) by July 31, 1993. Our goal is to provide information to the Department of Veterans' Affairs as soon as possible.

I fully recognize that some of this information may not be readily available. I expect a comprehensive search, however, to ensure that our current and former members receive the assistance and support to which they are entitled. I am directing the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) to establish a task force to monitor the status of these actions. By March 31, Secretaries of the Military Departments should designate points of contact to Ms. Norma St. Claire, OASD(FM&P), (703) 696-8710.

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