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STATUS: *OSABWI's DRAFT to  
comply w/our request to  
"peer review" the DU report.  
me*



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ORGANIZATION: <i>PSOB</i>	DATE: <i>8/3/99</i>
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URGENT    FOR REVIEW/    PLEASE COMMENT    PLEASE REPLY

NOTES/COMMENTS:

*MIKE, THIS IS A DRAFT OF THE LETTER WE WILL SEND TO THE EXPERTS YOU IDENTIFIED. DR ROSTKER ASKED THAT YOU SEE THIS. COMMENTS?*



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Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Your name was provided to me by the Presidential Special Oversight Board as a nationally recognized expert in the science related to depleted uranium. I am writing to determine your availability to peer review a paper we are preparing that reviews the use of depleted uranium during the Gulf War in 1991.

As the special assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense appointed to oversee the Department of Defense investigation of Gulf War illnesses, my mission is to ensure that veterans of the Gulf War receive the medical care they need, that the DoD is doing everything possible to understand and explain Gulf War illnesses, and that the DoD puts into place the required doctrine and policies to protect our forces in the future. In pursuit of this mission, we initiated investigations into a number of events and environmental factors related to the war to determine how veterans' health may have been affected. A major investigation was initiated over two years ago into the use of depleted uranium.

During the investigation, we interviewed hundred of veterans, consulted with experts in various agencies, and reviewed scientific documentation. Our investigation found that that some of our forces were exposed to depleted uranium through wounds, inhalation, or ingestion. Also, we identified shortcomings in the way our forces were trained to operate in a depleted uranium environment. Our report, *Environmental Exposure Report, Depleted Uranium in the Gulf*, will be ready for review by mid-October, 1999, and we are planning a 30-day peer review process.

Please let us know if you are able to help. Your contribution will be significant for the value it adds to the information conveyed to Gulf War veterans and the public.

Sincerely,

Bernard Rostker

