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MEMORANDUM

March 8, 1999

TO: Congressman Larry Combest

FROM: Dr. Ronald J. Kendall *Ron Kendall*
Director

RE: Contact points for "Trans-Texas Alliance to Address Countermeasures to Chemical and Biological Threats"

I have been contacted by Dr. David Schmidly, our Vice President of Research, and part of the Texas Tech delegation who visited with you to present our proposal "Trans-Texas Alliance to Address Countermeasures to Chemical and Biological Threats". He indicated positive response to our proposal, which we believe, will provide a major national resource in both research and training to address the threats of both chemical and biological terrorism. In the process of your discussion with the Texas Tech Delegation you requested an update on our points of contact to date related to our initiative. As per the request of Dr. David Schmidly, I am providing to you our points of contact with a small explanation with each person. They are as follows:

1. Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. -

Member of the Presidents Foreign Intelligence Advisory Committee and has facilitated many of our meetings to date regarding "Countermeasures to Chemical and Biological Threats". We are in almost daily contact with Admiral Zumwalt related to moving the initiative forward.

2. Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty, Director, Trans-National Threats, National Security Council-

Admiral Zumwalt and I met with Ms. Gordon-Hagerty in the White House to discuss the capabilities of Texas Tech to address chemical and biological threats. With her involvement in the National Security Council, she encouraged the forward progress of our initiative emphasizing research and training and asked us to maintain contacts with the Department of Justice through Attorney General Janet Reno's Deputy Gary Grenlin and his staff.

3. Gary Grindler, Deputy U.S. Attorney to Janet Reno, General Chemical and Biological Threats, United States Department of Justice-

Admiral Zumwalt and I met with Gary Grenlin to inform him of our capabilities at Texas Tech to address chemical and biological threats. We briefed him on our integrated capabilities to address human health and environmental issues and conduct risk assessment and training. He encouraged us to establish contacts with the FBI as related to their front line responsibility in the case of domestic terrorism.

4. Sam Gonzales- Intelligence Operations Specialist, National Domestic Preparedness Office, FBI -

Mr. Gonzales is visiting the Institute to discuss training capabilities related to first responders to domestic terrorism. We have in addition been communicating with the local FBI including Special Agents, George Temple and Bob Mathews of Lubbock, Texas.

5. Dr. Jay Davis, Carmen Spencer, and Craig Walling of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency-

Admiral Zumwalt and I briefed these individuals in the Pentagon as part of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. We discussed our capabilities at Texas Tech to address research and training related to biological and chemical threats. They were most impressed with our capabilities, our plans to move forward and the broad capabilities, which we had. Mr. Carmen Spencer, the Director for Chemical and Biological Defense at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency is planning a site visit to TIEHH in April 1999. We have maintained contact with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

6. Commander Shawn Jones- Director of Scientific Research of the Defense Accelerated Research Program (DARPA), in care of Dr. Steven Kornguth-

DARPA has indicated a willingness to fund the Trans-Texas Initiative and Commander Shawn Jones has assigned Dr. Steven Kornguth as a contact person to facilitate the initiation of the Trans- Texas Alliance. Commander Jones and DARPA have reviewed our Trans- Texas Alliance proposal, and it has received his very favorable support. I have retained Dr. Steven Kornguth as Special Assistant to the Director of TIEHH to Address Chemical and Biological Threats. He will be working in coordination with TIEHH as the lead in the (Trans-Texas Alliance to Address Countermeasures to Chemical and Biological Threats) in collaboration with the University of Texas at Austin and their subcontractors.

7. Dennis McDowell, CDC-

Contact was made related to Texas Tech capabilities to address chemical and biological threats, particularly associated with the "Bioterrorism Conference" recently held February 1999 in Washington D.C.

We will keep you updated.

Cc: Vice President David Schmidly