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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Dr. Lynn Frame  
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FROM: Dr. Ronald J. Kendall   
Director

RE: Countermeasures to Biological Terrorism Training

I was contacted by Mr. Sam Gonzales, Special Agent, FBI, in regards to our interests in establishing a cooperative relationship with the FBI related to "Countermeasures to Biological Terrorism" training. Mr. Gonzales informed me that the FBI would have money available very soon in order to establish training programs that will be auto-tutorial, with cities to access related to "Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Terrorism". Basically, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been charged with implementing a program of "threat assessment" in cities throughout the nation and the General Accounting Office has charged the Agency with development of a product for dissemination that will provide some acceptable threat assessment at potential targets to biological and chemical terrorism. In other words, what aspects of targets would create motivational opportunities for terrorists to attack them and then what would it take in terms of a community and National Guard perspective to improve security and/or to respond to such threats of attack.

This would be an excellent opportunity for the education/training group of the Texas Tech initiative to address "Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Terrorism". Mr. Gonzales wants to move quickly and believes that our current agreement with Brooks Air Force Base can be accessed for implementation of this project in terms of getting funding to us to get started. At this time, I am setting up contacts at Brooks Air

Force Base that can communicate with the FBI related to the transfer of funds in accessing the resources of our Institute.

The training materials developed may include a documentary video, a notebook which may be correlated to the video and other appropriate training materials that will allow city leaders to begin preparedness for such expected action to United States cities. Mr. Gonzales indicated a real interest in wanting to work with us, and has already briefed the United States Department of Justice, including the National Domestic Preparedness Council as to the level of expertise at Texas Tech, its depth of diversity and our willingness to move forward in a partnership with the FBI to implement the training as well as research programs.

I might add that Admiral Zumwalt has been heavily involved in this process to date, and has spoken to Mr. Gonzales in the last several days on this subject. It appears that the development of such training materials would set the stage for ultimate training of first responders as well as other personnel that may have to deal with biological and chemical terrorist attacks. Convene your task groups as soon as possible and begin to plan for what it would take to implement such a program for Mr. Gonzales and the FBI, as well as begin the planning process for development of training materials for "first responders".

I would like for the both of you to coordinate with Dr. Stephen Kornguth as well as your Task Force, particularly the education/training components to move this process forward. Please keep me totally informed. I would like to visit with the Task Force at your next meeting in order to fully communicate the importance of this initiative and our need to move forward quickly and effectively. Let me know how I can be of further assistance and let's give this issue TIEHH's best effort!

Thank you.

cc: TIEHH Board of Directors  
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Chancellor John T. Montford  
President Donald Haragan