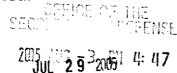
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FROM: William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD, ASD (Health Affairs)

SUBJECT: Positive Feedback on Policy for Care and Treatment of Detainees in Custody of U.S. Armed Forces

- We have received positive feedback from leaders in the U.S. medical community regarding our recently announced medical policy statement regarding the care and treatment of detainees in custody of U.S. Armed Forces.
- An example is the attached letter from the American Medical Association.
- Building on the success of the recent Congressional visits to Guantanamo Bay, we are
 planning a similar trip for a small group of medical leaders from the U.S. civilian
 medical community, followed shortly after by a roundtable discussion with a broader
 group to describe the results of the recent Army Surgeon General Report, our policy
 statements and updates, and DoD's efforts to ensure excellent training for all medical
 personnel.
- I am optimistic that these combined efforts will have a confirmed positive effect among the broader U.S. medical community and the media regarding DoD's approach to the medical care and treatment of detainees and the role of medical personnel in detainee operations and interrogations.

Attachment:

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July 22,2005

William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD, MBA Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Department of Defense The Pentagon Washington, DC 20301-1200

Dear Dr. Winkenwerder:

The American Medical Association (AMA) thanks you for your communication **of**June 15,2005, which included a copy of the policy memorandum "Medical Program Principles and Procedures for the Protection and Treatment **of** Detainees in the Custody of the Armed Forces of the United States" (henceforth, referred to as the Policy Memorandum).

We are encouraged by several of the safeguards articulated in the Policy Memorandum regarding the ethical involvement of physicians in the care **of** detainees: stated requirements for the humane treatment of detainees; reporting obligations in the face of violations; and renewed commitment to the education and training of physicians with regard **to** applicable policies and procedures. We strongly support these **aspects** of the Policy Memorandum. Other Principles and Procedures, which speak to the separation of patient care from non-treatment activities including interrogation of detainees, and related uses of medical information, however, may need further clarification and consideration.

Noting that the Policy Memorandum indicates that the principles and procedures it contains as well **as** the experience gained in implementing them will be reviewed in the near future, we wish to reiterate the AMA's offer of assistance in articulating and disseminating clear and appropriate guidelines on the treatment of detainees.

The AMA is committed to maintaining the integrity of and the trust in the medical profession as a whole. We look forward to an opportunity in the near future to discuss further the Policy Memorandum and the guidance it provides.

Sincerely,

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