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LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ACC MDG/CCs

FROM: HQ ACC/SG
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SUBJECT: The Armed Forces Repository of Specimen Samples for the Identification of Remains (AFRSSIR) Staff Assistance Program

1. The memorandum from AF/SGO (Atch 1) addresses a mission-critical issue requiring your immediate attention. Please take prompt action to self-examine your local DNA collection program for strict compliance with specimen collection and transport as well as personnel compliance. The AFRSSIR has established a staff assistance program to assist specified installations with DNA collection program. While visits are slated for several AF MTFs, currently none are scheduled in ACC.
2. The Department of Defense DNA Registry, and the AFRSSIR programs are mandated by DoD Dir 5154.24. Errors identified in the DNA collection process indicate further potential for non-compliance with this program. Although these errors did not result in misidentifications, they did jeopardize timely release of the remains to families of deceased service members.
3. Thank you for ensuring this important DoD program receives the appropriate emphasis at your medical facility. My POC for this matter is Lt Col Joel Ray, joel.ray@langley.af.mil; DSN 574-3180.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Russell J. Kilpatrick".

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