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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/SG

FROM: HQ USAF/SG  
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SUBJECT: Medical Readiness Decision Support System (MRDSS) Classification and  
Direction (SG Policy Letter #00-006)

We have completed a security review of MRDSS as suggested by the Air Force Audit Agency (AFAA) and addressed AFAA's findings that MRDSS and Status of Resources and Training (SORTS) data is similar and therefore compiled and used in the same fashion. In addition, each MAJCOM/unit representative was contacted to discuss their concerns about MRDSS and the primary concerns centered on the products/aggregates developed by the MAJCOMs and Air Staff utilizing MRDSS raw datum. The highlighted concern was that the same information was used/discussed in an open forum, e.g. Medical Readiness Platform Brief.

Our findings indicate there are significant differences between SORTS and MRDSS. First, unclassified MRDSS data is "raw" statistical data and does not contain all the data elements reported in SORTS, therefore it is not SORTS data. Furthermore, MRDSS also does not report, collect, or display all the SORTS data elements for UTC's assigned to a unit. We continue to agree that unit-level MRDSS data is sensitive, and maintain that having each unit see only its own unit's information by using a protected password and identification number assigned to the individual user helps in keeping the sensitivity safe. We also believe products/aggregates generated from this raw data at both the MAJCOM and Air Staff level may be combined with SORTS information or combined in such a manner as to render it classified.

To that end, I have directed we continue with the two divisions of MRDSS. The unclassified version exists at the unit level for input of raw data. The classified division encompasses MAJCOM and/or Air Staff level products, aggregates, and/or compilations of information that may include or be used in conjunction with SORTS, and reflect units' deployment capability. Briefings, such as the Medical Readiness Platform Brief and similar templates are examples of products that will be classified.

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