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MAR 25 2010

The Honorable James H. Webb  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Personnel  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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|   |           | CY 2004      |                                | CY 2005      |      | CY 2006  |      | CY 2007       |   | CY 2008       |      | CY 2009       |      |
|---|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------|--|------|---------------|---|---------------|------|---------------|------|
| Service                                     | Component | Separations  | Rank                           | Separations  | Rank | Separations  | Rank | Separations   | Rank  | Separations   | Rank | Separations   | Rank |
| Army  | Active    | 1            | O1                             | 0            | NA   | 0  | NA   | 0             | NA  | 0             | NA   | 0             | NA   |
|   | Guard     | 6            | E2,E3(2),<br>E5(1),<br>CW2, O3 | 0            | NA   | 0  | NA   | 0             | NA  | 0             | NA   | 0             | NA   |
|   | Reserve   | 0            | NA                             | 0            | NA   | 0  | NA   | 0             | NA  | 0             | NA   | 0             | NA   |
| Navy  | Active    | 0            | NA                             | 0            | NA   | 0  | NA   | 0             | NA  | 1             | E4   | 0             | NA   |
|   | Reserve   | 0            | NA                             | 0            | NA   | 0  | NA   | 0             | NA  | 0             | NA   | 0             | NA   |
| Air Force                                   | Active    | 2            | E4,E5                          | 0            | NA   | 0  | NA   | 0             | NA  | 0             | NA   | 0             | NA   |
|   | Guard     | 0            | NA                             | 0            | NA   | 0  | NA   | 0             | NA  | 0             | NA   | 0             | NA   |
|   | Reserve   | 1            | O4                             | 0            | NA   | 0  | NA   | 0             | NA  | 0             | NA   | 0             | NA   |
| Marine Corps                                | Active    | 0            | NA                             | 0            | NA   | 0  | NA   | 0             | NA  | 0             | NA   | 0             | NA   |
|   | Reserve   | 0            | NA                             | 0            | NA   | 0  | NA   | 0             | NA  | 0             | NA   | 0             | NA   |
| DoD Total                                   |           | 10           |                                | 0            |      | 0  |      | 0             |   | 1             |      | 0             |      |
| # of People Vaccinated in That Year         |           | 699,571      |                                | 78,038       |      | 61,731   |      | 323,810       |   | 254,026       |      | 223,748       |      |
| For Each Separation, # of People Vaccinated |           | 1 per 69,957 |                                | 0 per 78,038 |      | 0 per 61,731   |      | 0 per 323,810 |   | 1 per 254,026 |      | 0 per 223,748 |      |
| Separations as % of People Vaccinated       |           | 0.0014%      |                                | 0.0000%      |      | 0.0000%  |      | 0.0000%       |   | 0.0004%       |      | 0.0000%       |      |
| Comments:                                   |           |              | Injunction, Oct 04--Dec 05     |              |      | EUA, APR 05-14 JAN 06<br>Continuation of Policy, 15 JAN-DEC 06 |      |               | 8 Feb 07, ASD(HA) approves Services' AVIP plans |               |      |               |      |