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MEMORANDUM FOR Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Physical Disability Agency
WRAMC Building 7, 6900 Georgia Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20307

SUBJECT: Clarification of Requirement for Line of Duty Investigations (LODI) for
Soldiers Being Referred into the Physical Disability Evaluation System (PDES)

1 References.

a. AR 600-8-1, Army Casualty and Memorial Affairs and Line of Duty Investigations dated 18 September 1986.

b. MILPER Message 03-070, Contingency Operations Personnel Planning Guidance.

2. This memorandum clarifies LODI requirements for Soldiers who are on ordered active duty of more than 30 days and are being, or have been, referred into the PDES

a. Clarification of MILPER Message 03-070. The last sentence of paragraph 11e(1) of MILPER Message 03-070 states the following: "Further, all conditions that are believed to have existed prior to the period of service before the Soldier was mobilized require a formal LODI." This sentence was unintentionally more restrictive than AR 600-8-1. Effective immediately, refer to paragraph 39-2, AR 600-8-1 (18 Sep 86), to determine if a formal LODI is required for a Soldier who is, or is being, referred into the PDES. For example, under paragraph 39-2, when the condition is a disease, and the Soldier is on ordered active duty of more than 30 days, no line of duty investigation is required; the Soldier is presumed to be in the line of duty.

b. When a formal LODI is not required by AR 600-8-1 (18 Sep 86) and all of the following conditions are met, the Soldier is presumed to be in the line of duty without a LODI (informal or formal).

(1) The injury, illness, or disease occurred or was aggravated while the Soldier was ordered to active duty for more than 30 days.

(2) There is no indication of abuse of alcohol or drugs

(3) There is no indication of intentional misconduct or willful negligence

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(4) There is no indication the Soldier was AWOL at the time of the injury, illness or disease.

(5) The Soldier's injury, illness, or disease is documented in his or her medical records or by a physician at the time of referral into the PDES.

3. Points of contact for this memorandum are Ms. Gisela Courduff at 703-325-5305 or LTC Grant Dewey at 703-325-1849.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maryl. Torgersen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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