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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY
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POLICY
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER

SUBJECT: Implementation of the *National Strategy for
Countering Biological Threats*

To ensure the timely and effective implementation of the recently approved *National Strategy for Countering Biological Threats (Strategy)*, I hereby direct that supporting actions be taken as follows.

A. Implementation Plans

By 180 days following the date of this directive, recipients will submit to the National Security Staff Executive Secretary a detailed implementation plan that articulates how their department, agency, office, or organization will contribute to implementation of the *Strategy*. Implementation plans will discuss: (1) actions and activities that will be

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taken to support the objectives outlined in the *Strategy*;
(2) identification of the lead entity within the department, agency, office, or organization for each action or activity;
(3) baseline of current programs, projects, and activities and their resource levels; (4) where appropriate, identification of collaborating and/or coordinating Federal entities for each action or activity; and (5) planned milestones, measures of performance, and -- where applicable -- measures of effectiveness by which recipient departments, agencies, offices, or organizations will implement the objectives of the *Strategy*.

B. Budget Development and Review

In the spring of each year, the Interagency Policy Committee (IPC) on Countering Biological Threats, chaired by the White House Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Coordinator's Office, will provide policy guidance on priority areas of interest that recipient departments, agencies, offices, and organizations should identify when building annual agency budget requests.


Based on this guidance, recipient departments and agencies should include in their annual budget requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), consolidated information on the relevant programs, projects, and activities that support the implementation of the *Strategy* and advance domestic preparedness for a deliberate biological attack (biopreparedness). This information shall be arrayed by priority pursuant to any fiscal guidance issued by OMB. Departments and agencies shall identify how those requests support the interagency activities and metrics responsive to sections A(4) and (5) of this memorandum.

C. Oversight and Coordination

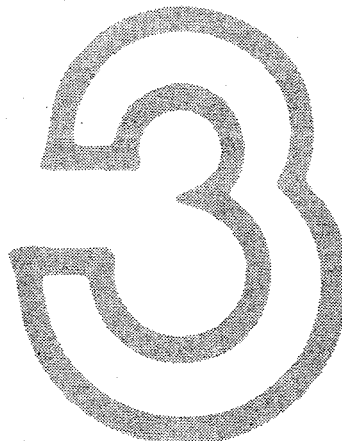
The IPC on Countering Biological Threats, chaired by the WMD Coordinator's Office, will have the overall lead within the Federal Government for coordinating interagency efforts to oversee, evaluate, and recommend policy actions to advance implementation of the *Strategy*. The IPC on Countering Biological Threats will be the main day-to-day forum for interagency coordination on policy issues. The Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), will support the IPC on Countering Biological Threats by: (1) integrating information from department and agency implementation plans to provide an

overarching view of Federal efforts; and (2) providing staff support for the IPC's coordination of overall implementation efforts.

By February 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, recipients will submit to the National Security Staff Executive Secretary a report that: (1) summarizes their progress during the previous year in implementing the *Strategy*; (2) describes their plans for implementation in the coming year; (3) identifies impediments to timely and effective implementation and options for their resolution; and (4) highlights any newly recognized challenges to the *Strategy* or its implementation that would benefit from interagency policy discussion.



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