MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, National Guard Bureau

SUBJECT: Commendation for National Guard Practice Alert, Operation Minuteman

Reports have indicated that the recent tests of the availability and readiness of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard were outstanding. This practice alert and the response of the units and members of the Guard is deserving of special commendation. The President has authorized me to address such a commendation to all concerned and I would appreciate it if you would bring this commendation to the attention of all units of the Army and the Air National Guard.

Commendation

“The President of the United States has authorized the Secretary of Defense to commend in his name the National Guard Bureau, the Governors and the Adjutants General of the several States, Territories and the District of Columbia, and the officers and men of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard, for a job well done during the recent practice alert; Operation Minuteman.”

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Disaster relief is no new experience for the National Guard, especially in the tornado belt, but rarely have Guardsmen, anywhere, encountered more nearly total devastation than did the officers and men of the Kansas National Guard, some of whom are seen with their trucks and ambulances in the rubble following virtual obliteration of Udall, Kansas.