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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY,
COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION

SUBJECT: Cooperative Biological Research (CBR) DoD Advisory Board Project
Recommendation for Project UP-1: Rickettsia and Other Arthropod-Borne
Diseases

Based on the recommendations of the September 27, 2007 CBR DoD Advisory Board meeting, as Co-Chairs, we approve the development of the project concept UP-1 as revised (attached). We recognize the concept may require additional funding to accommodate the revisions. Please structure follow-on project to support strain transfer and consolidation of especially dangerous pathogen collections and BSL-3 research at the interim central reference laboratory.

These efforts must be consistent with the Policy Guidance for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Biological Weapons Proliferation Prevention Program in Ukraine, dated November 29, 2005.

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Attachment:
Project Concept UP-1, as revised

