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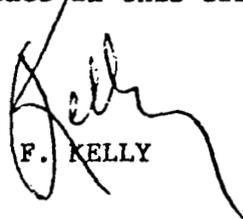
Ref: (a) Foncon between NMRDC-45 and CDR G. Harris, MSC, on
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Encl: (1) Strawman - Fleet Medical Information RDT&E Project

1. As discussed during reference (a), this Command has recognized a need to develop improved medical information management capabilities for combat operations. The subject has been addressed at several conferences and workshops (Enclosure (1) Attachment J) in the past few years. To address this need we propose to formally define R&D requirements relating to the Medical Department's needs in this area.

2. Enclosure (1) was prepared by my staff and contains initial thoughts on the development of a combat medical information system. The management of medical information relates to every aspect of medical care throughout the continuum of patient evacuation. To assure proper focus of the RDT&E effort and timely product development, we will emphasize those issues related to the management of combat casualties and other medical aspects of the Marine Corps mission. In this regard, it is requested that the enclosed Strawman be reviewed. Your comments and recommendations are considered essential to the implementation of this project. Furthermore, as the project proceeds your continued input and support will be required to ensure satisfaction of Marine Corps needs. On the basis of your comments we will prepare a second Strawman draft for technical review by the Naval Medical Data Services Center.

3. We are planning to attempt initial support of this work during FY 82. In order to develop such plans we will convene a conference in the Spring of 1981. It would be helpful if your comments and recommendations are received by 15 January. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.


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