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MEMORANDUM FOR DACOWITS

FROM: HQ USSF/S1
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SUBJECT: USSF DACOWITS RFI 5

QUESTION #5

The Committee requests a briefing from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, National Guard, and Coast Guard on the following:

a. What process is currently being applied to evaluate the effectiveness of PPE and combat gear for women?

- USSF has not developed PPE or combat gear for women independent of the USAF.

i. Provide date of last anthropometric study used to develop PPE and combat gear for women.

- USSF has not yet conducted any studies to develop PPE and combat gear for women.

ii. Provide any additional technology/studies utilized to improve PPE and combat gear for women.

- USSF has not yet conducted any studies to develop PPE and combat gear for women.

b. What is the current timeline and process to procure equipment via existing supply channels?

- The USSF has no independent supply channels for PPE or combat gear for women separate from the USAF.

c. What is the current timeline and process to procure alternative equipment (e.g., unique fit) not obtainable via existing supply channels?

- The USSF has no independent supply channels for PPE or combat gear for women separate from the USAF.

d. Provide an update on modifications to or the development of gender specific PPE, combat gear, and uniforms since June 2018, to include:

i. Updates/modifications to maternity uniforms.

- The interim USSF uniform, including the maternity uniform, is primarily the same as the USAF uniform with unique USSF accoutrements. When a new USSF uniform is implemented, it will include a maternity uniform.

ii. Updates/modifications to grooming standards.

- USSF utilizes grooming standards consistent with the USAF.

iii. Information related to studies conducted to improve female flight suits.

- The USSF utilizes USAF flight suits at this time.

e. Provide an onsite visual display that depicts new gender specific PPE and combat gear developed for women.

- The USSF has no new PPE or combat gear for women separate from the USAF.