



Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses

TO: Hon. R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

FROM: James Binns
Chairman, Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses

SUBJECT: Research Perspective Regarding Period for Undiagnosed and Unexplained Illnesses Compensation Claims

DATE: August 25, 2006

Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to provide you the following statement discussed and adopted by the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses:

In light of the increased scientific insights into Gulf War veterans' illnesses emerging from ongoing research, and the important questions remaining regarding the time course associated with these illnesses, the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses supports extending for at least five years the current presumptive period for Gulf War undiagnosed and unexplained illness compensation claims, scheduled to expire at the end of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

/signed/
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Chairman