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Memo for Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Illness and the Department of Veterans Affairs

Sorry I can attend the RAC meeting tomorrow. I'm out of town and want to pass on some thoughts.

I wish to endorse the RAC's idea outlined in its 2016 Annual Report, Appendix C, for centers to improve diagnosis, treatment and clinical research on the complex illnesses presented by veterans of the Gulf War and more recent wars.

To implement this concept, the WRIISC locations should be expanded and provided significantly greater resources. Efforts should be coordinated and results of work shared and published. The RAC calls for much needed collaboration between the proposed centers and DOD, NIH and especially non-USG medical institutions having expertise that can contribute to advancement of medical knowledge and treatment.

I hope VA acts on this idea and the RAC continues to push for it.

Best regards,

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