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STATEMENT OF SENATOR INOUE OCTOBER 5, 1999

For many members of our military services and those of us in the congress, when we think of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, we imagine researchers developing methods to counter anthrax poisoning or chemical weapons.

F-22
F-18
M1-A2
UH-1H
B-2
anthrax poisoning

Words - combat readiness, war making
aggressivity, stealth, chemical warfare

But reality tells us
that we should use words
such as quality of life →
more better

442 - 4%

today 10%

security - ~~retention~~ - quality of life
we are also trained personnel

This facility is important
in maintaining quality of life

~~While that is precisely one mission of the doctors and scientists here, the Institute is much more than that.~~

For more than 100 years the Army Institute of Research - formerly known as the Army Medical School, has been a leader in the prevention of diseases.

The Institute was the first to discover that dengue fever was caused by a filterable virus.

It was the first to discover a treatment for amebic dysentery. Researchers here were the first to develop a vaccine for typhoid.

In more recent times, researchers at Walter Reed have developed two antimalarial drugs and vaccines to prevent hepatitis A and type C meningitis.

Walter Reed Institute has led the way in studying the causes and searching for a cure for AIDS.

The vaccine and discoveries made here are used to protect our military and civilian populations worldwide.

The Walter Reed Army Institute of Research is recognized as the oldest school of public health and preventive medicine in the United States. Its history is rich in tradition and its list of accomplishments is outstanding.

Soon after December 7, 1941, the Naval Medical Research Institute was established to make certain that the health, safety and combat readiness of the Navy and Marine Corps personnel during peace and war will be maintained at the highest level.

Included in its medical missions were activities involving biological warfare defense, combat casualty care and bone marrow research.

A year ago on September 3, 1998 the Naval Medical Research Institute was closed and the following day, the Naval Medical Research Center was established.

Today, we have the combined activities of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Naval Medical Research Center, making this the most important medical research facility in the world. Together, they assure that the quality of life, the combat readiness and the morale of our military naval personnel will remain at its highest.

This new facility is a sign that this history of tradition and accomplishment will continue for the next 100 years.