MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 3d HBCT, 4th ID, FOB Warhorse, Iraq APO AE 09336

SUBJECT: Condolence Payments Arising From EOF

1. FOR DECISION: Condolence payment for [Redacted] and their deceased mother

2. RECOMMENDATION: Approval and signing of finance documents for payment.

3. BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

   On or about 18 February 2006 at 1620, the deceased mother and her two children were riding in a taxi cab that ran a checkpoint east of Baqubah at grid coordinate 38SMC704347. The 4 year old boy, [Redacted], suffered a shrapnel wound to the head. His sister suffered a penetrating wound to the leg. The mother suffered a penetrating wound to the abdomen and died of internal bleeding after being evacuated to LSA Anaconda. While the matter is still under investigation, there is evidence to suggest that the warning cones and printed checkpoint signs had not yet been displayed in front of the checkpoint, which may be the reason why the driver of the Taxi did not believe he was required to stop.

   The maximum amount authorized for a condolence payment in this case through CERP funds is $2,500 per person injured.

   I recommend that authorization be granted for compensation in the amount of $7,500.

4. The point of contact for this action is the undersigned.

   CPT, JA
   Claims Judge Advocate

APPROVED _______ DISAPPROVE _________ OTHER ________
AMOUNT ________