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From: Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers-84)
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Subj: BRIG BLOOD DRIVE DONATIONS

Encl: (1) BUMED memo 6530 MED-273 of 20 Jun 95

1. Enclosure (1) provides BUMED guidance to Navy Blood Donor Centers concerning prisoners donating blood. It is BUMED policy that Navy blood centers not accept prisoners' blood. In discussion with the relevant BUMED office, it was explained that the military prison population, for various reasons, bears very little resemblance to prisoners confined in federal, state or even local prisons. BUMED was not persuaded by these arguments.
2. Although enclosure (1) refers specifically to donating blood at Navy blood centers, it is only reasonable and prudent to apply this policy to all blood centers.
3. Donating blood is an admirable way for prisoners to return something to the community; however, at this time it seems reasonable to take a sound and judicious course. Therefore, it is Pers-84 policy that brigs will not hold organized blood drives. This is not intended to prevent an individual prisoner from donating blood in an emergency.
4. This is policy letter #07-95. My point of contact is Mr. Marc Bransky (Pers-8412) at DSN 224-2794 or commercial (703) 614-2794.

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