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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Associate Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (ADSADBU) attended and participated in several meetings and workshops hosted by the University of Puerto Rico Medical Science Campus. These meetings were held in Puerto Rico on 30 October 2002.

On the morning of 30 October, the CG, USAMRMC presented a command overview, which highlighted the core capabilities of the MRMC mission and the subordinate research laboratories to approximately 30 senior level University of Puerto Rico faculty members, which included the Chancellor of the Medical Sciences Campus, Jose R. Carlo, M.D. The ADSADBU summarized the mission of the command's Acquisition Activity, the small business office, and the potential medical research opportunities available to the University using various acquisition instruments (i.e., contracts, grants, cooperative research development agreements, etc.) under the Historically Black College/Minority Institutions (HBCU/MI) program. Later that morning, the CG, USAMRMC gave a Power Point Presentation to the medical students and faculty members entitled "Biological Agents – Threats and Countermeasures."

The afternoon session included a tour of the Caribbean Primate Research Center (CPRC) at Sabana Seca Field Station and meetings hosted by Dr. Edmundo Kraiselburd, Director, Unit of Comparative Medicine, University of Puerto Rico and BG Marquez, Commander, US Army National Guard. The Honorable Anibal Acevedo-Vila, Resident Commissioner and Member of Congress, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico also attended and participated in the meeting. The meeting included an overview of CPRC's research agenda on biodefense, its infrastructure needs and the need for partnership with biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries to promote local development of biomedical research initiatives.

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