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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

18 September 2003

(U) White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. (U) (MCMR-AAU)  
The Associate Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (ADSADBU) attended the subject conference during 14-17 September 2003, Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, Arlington, VA. This particular event was attended by over 600 officials representing Historically Black Colleges and Universities / Minority Institutions, US Department of Education, Department of Defense and other federal agencies.

The Honorable Roderick Paige, Secretary, US Department of Education provided the keynote address entitled "A Storied Past – A Legacy of Achievement." The conference accentuated the countless contributions to the Nation by HBCU/MI faculty, staff, students and alumni. Opening and concurrent plenary sessions focused on issues such as: Maximizing the Role of HBCUs; Private Sector Partnerships to Support the Stability and Growth of HBCUs; International Cluster of Federal Agencies; Student Government Leaders, to name a few.

During the 15 September luncheon, Ms. Tracey Pinson, Director, Department of Army Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization received an award recognizing Department of the Army as having the best HBCU/MI Program within Department of Defense.

This particular meeting highlights the importance of US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command's commitment in developing and sustaining strategic alliances with HBCU/MI.

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