MEMORANDUM FOR:  THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Revised Influenza Vaccination Recommendation 1968-1969

1. The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, by mail vote, concurs in the following recommendation of the Commission on Influenza.

   THAT THE MILITARY BE VACCINATED THIS FALL WITH THE AVAILABLE POLYVALENT INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE AND BE RE-VACCINATED WITH A MONOVALENT VACCINE CONTAINING 400 CCA UNITS PER 1 ml DOSE OF THE HONG KONG TYPE VARIANT AS SOON AS THE LATTER BECOMES AVAILABLE.

2. This decision is based on the fact that A2/Hong Kong/68 strains show marked antigenic differences from previous A2 isolates, that the antibody response vs. Hong Kong virus of human subjects vaccinated or infected with previous A2 strains is weak, and that intense outbreaks of Influenza caused by the Hong Kong strains have been reported from the Far East.

FOR THE ARMED FORCES EPIDEMIOLOGICAL BOARD:

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