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Gen. John P. Jumper
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Dear Gen. Jumper:

During recent weeks, the Air Force has been strongly criticized by the media for its policy on the use of go pills (amphetamines). In our opinion, the media has not completely understood the operational combat environment and the operational constraints for their use. The Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) is very much aware of the operational need for this medication. We believe that the long established policies regarding preflight medication testing, direct flight surgeon supervision, voluntary use, and an established safety record show that these medications can be used safely and responsibly in the operational environment. If this Association can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Russell B. Rayman, M.D.
Executive Director

cc: Secretary Donald Rumsfeld
Lt. Gen. George Peach Taylor, Jr. USAF, MC

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