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HEALTH AFFAIRS

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Mr. Adrian Talley
Associate Director for Education
Department of Defense Education Activity

Re: Assessing Options for CONUS Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools

Dear Mr. Talley,

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Research Regulatory Oversight Office has reviewed the material submitted for the above referenced study. We find that this activity does not meet the definition of research as defined in 32 CFR 219, "Protection of Human Subjects," as it is not designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Therefore, the human subject regulations do not apply to this activity.

Please inform this office if you wish to modify this project, as those modifications may result in a change in our determination. You must receive our approval before implementing changes.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at R2O2@tma.osd.mil.

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