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IN REPLY REFER TO

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR CLAIMANT STAFF CHAPLAINS

Subj: FOCUS 01/03 (MILITARY CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD)

1. Every year, the Military Chaplains Association (MCA) presents Distinguished Service Awards to chaplains serving with each of the uniformed services. The award is presented to encourage excellence in the practice of chaplaincy.
2. Award recipients will be honored at a ceremony the week of April 29 - May 01, 2003, during The Military Chaplains Association 2003 National Institute.
3. This is an opportunity to recognize those chaplains that have worked hard and met the challenges of today's ministry. I look forward to reviewing the nominations from each Service and claimancy. The primary standard for nomination should be the consistent demonstration of excellence in ministry, as defined by the standards of your claimancy or Service.
4. Please submit nominations to CDR Mark Steiner at (703) 614-4327, DSN 224-4327, or email Steiner.Mark@hq.navy.mil, by February 14, 2003. All submissions should include a written recommendation, biographical data, and a photograph.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry C. Black".

BARRY C. BLACK
Rear Admiral, Chaplain Corps,
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Chief of Chaplains

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