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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR CLAIMANT STAFF CHAPLAINS

Subj: FOCUS 06/00 KAISERSLAUTERN MILITARY COMMUNITY WALFRIEDHOF
CEMETERY

The Kaiserslautern Military Community requests assistance to locate the families of American service personnel whose infants died while assigned to the Kaiserslautern Community. There are 451 grave sites of American children buried in the Walfriedhof Cemetery between 1952 and 1971. Most are believed to have been buried in Kaiserslautern because there was no financial assistance for their parents to return the casketed remains to the United States.

Members of the Kaiserslautern Community along with members of the American military bases have begun a project to lease the land for the sites, to maintain the cemetery facility and to clean the headstones. These same groups have also joined together to hold an annual Memorial Ceremony for these very special children. The records for these children's graves are incomplete.

The Kaiserslautern Community Deputy Commander's Office is looking for family members of these children. If you know the whereabouts of any such families, please ask them to write: 86 AW/KCD, Unit 3200, Box 320, APO AE 09094, or call international 011-49-631-536-6741. This notice was run in the "American Overseas School Historical Quarterly" and widely distributed among the overseas schools alumni groups. To date, no responses have been received.

Further questions on this matter can be addressed to:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. Byron Holderby, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

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