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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL, US  
EUROPEAN COMMAND

Subject: Recommendation for Award of the Humanitarian Service  
Medal

1. This memorandum responds to your request (Enclosure) for award of the Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM) for those personnel assigned to Joint Task Force - Liberia. The award of the HSM has been approved for those listed Service members who provided this humanitarian assistance.

2. Reference your recommendation for award of the Armed Forces Service Medal for this same operation, it was determined that the HSM was the more appropriate award and therefore denied. Please note, the HSM has been approved for the entire period from both recommendations 25 July 2003 to 15 October 2003.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. D. Mahar".

J. D. MAHAR  
Chief, Staff Management Branch

Enclosure

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