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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING
AGENCY (DPAA), 2000 DEFENSE PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-2000

SUBJECT: Exhumation of Unknown Remains

1. References:

a. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, 14 April 2015, subject: Disinterment of Unknowns from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

b. Memorandum, Defense Personnel Accounting Agency, 1 December 2015, subject: Disinterment Request for Unknown X-1130 Manila #2.

c. Memorandum, Defense Personnel Accounting Agency, 25 September 2015, subject: Family Disinterment Request of Unknown X-1130 Manila #2 For Comparison With First Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger.

d. Executive Order 10057 (Transferring to the American Battle Monuments Commission functions pertaining to certain United States Military Cemeteries), 14 May 1949.

2. In accordance with reference 1a., disinterment requests must meet standard thresholds in order to be considered favorably. For individual Unknowns, there must be at least a 50 percent likelihood that an identification will be made.

3. After reviewing the information provided with reference 1b., I am not convinced that this standard has been met. Accordingly, the Army does not concur with the request to exhume unknown remains X-1130 Manila #2 from Plot J, Row 7, Grave 20 in the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial.

4. Point of contact for this action is COL Kelly E. Kyburz, Assistant Deputy for Casualty and Mortuary Affairs, POW and MIA, Arlington National Cemetery Policy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), telephone (703) 614-8208 or email Kelly.e.kyburz.mil@mail.mil.


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