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Proposal Number: 162

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Title: To increase the number of combat ready troops for the United States and implement a containment policy for the Soviet Union in order to avoid nuclear war.

Major Areas to be Affected: The U.S. Defense Department, soldiers in the U.S. military, the American people, global politics.

Justification: The Soviet Union has made clear in recent months their intention to continue their quest to control Eurasia, and the United States cannot depend on any nation to stop the Soviets but itself. According to a Department of State bulletin, the United States and the Soviet Union will be essentially equal in nuclear capabilities for the next five years. However, there is one area of conventional warfare where the Soviet Union holds a significant advantage: manpower. In military manpower the Soviet Union outnumbered the United States 2 - 1. In addition, the Warsaw Pact divisions outnumber the NATO divisions by 103 - 64.

The United States needs large conventional forces to permit responses to threats without resorting to nuclear war. Most American defense analysts consider conventional military power to be a more credible deterrent and a more controllable military instrument than nuclear forces.

Proposal for Action: Require all United States citizens to register for national military service at the age of 18. U.S. citizens who are ages 19-23 will have the option of one year active military service or serving for four years as a Reserve soldier. The additional troops will be deployed to actively challenge the presence of large amounts of Soviet forces in Europe and the USSR that pose a direct threat to NATO forces in Europe, the Mediterranean and the North Atlantic, as well as to protect numerous U.S. interests abroad.

Results to be Expected: By practicing containment policy, the ability of the United States to defend itself against the Soviet Union will be greatly enhanced. The number of combat ready troops will be significantly amplified. The major tenet behind structuring U.S. conventional forces with an increase of troops is to have the ability to fight a non-nuclear war for as long as the communist adversaries.

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Title: To educate the FMC public about the danger of microgravity bone loss in both children and adults.

Areas to be Affected: Federation of Mars Colonies, the United States government, the Transnational Mars Government, and the FMC general public.

Justification: Health care professionals on both planets have agreed that if microgravity bone loss is not addressed in a comprehensive manner, it will become the number one leading cause of death in the Mars colonies within the next 5 years. Over the past few years the number of people in the FMC suffering from microgravity bone loss has increased dramatically. Many adults with the disease will lose 2% of their bone mass each month, and the resulting increase of calcium to other parts of the body can cause numerous health problems including kidney issues and Kalery disease.

Nearly one quarter of adults currently suffer from microgravity bone loss and the number continues to increase each year. There are approximately 700,000 FMC children who are afflicted with the disease. Statistics show that the number of people suffering from microgravity bone loss who live in outer-rim colonies is double the number of citizens in metropolitan settlements. The primary reason is a lack of information. The United States needs to create a partnership with the Transnational Mars Government to inform citizens about the dangers and problems microgravity bone loss can cause.

Proposal for Action: The U.S. will assist the Transnational Mars Government in organizing a committee that is dedicated to informing the public of this health condition. The committee would educate the public about microgravity bone loss prevention in the following ways:

- I. Television commercials will inform parents of the severe health risks their children will be afflicted with if they develop microgravity bone loss issues.
- II. Educational Kappa-wave radio commercials will play during peak times of the day to provide families with resources about the dangers of microgravity bone loss and present options for decreasing the risk of associated health problems.
- III. Free visuals and e-pamphlets will be provided in clinics, doctor's offices and FMC field hospitals that contain healthy alternatives for people at risk and preventative information.
- IV. An internet site will be designed and maintained by the United States government to allow Americans and other FMC settlers to request information regarding microgravity bone loss and provide helpful links to other applicable health sites.
- V. The Transnational Mars Government will advertise via GlobeBook to direct web traffic to the new resources on the U.S. website.

Results to be Expected: The FMC public will be more health conscience and aware of the problems and dangers of microgravity bone loss. The number of people at risk of Kalery disease, kidney failure and other health complications will decrease.

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