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Teammates:

Almost daily there is news reporting on furloughs and, if you are like me, the mix of speculative reporting and the reporting of actions being taken by agencies outside of the Department of Defense has created some confusion. The purpose of this short note is to bring you up to date on the current situation for all of us here at Carlisle Barracks.

Almost immediately after our town hall session on March 21st, the Defense Department "paused" the plan to start furloughs in April. Since then, Secretary of Defense Hagel announced that the DoD might limit furlough days to 14, instead of 22 days as originally planned. I know there's analysis underway at the highest levels to see if that number of days, 14, could be cut even further. But bottom line, there has been no -- say again, no -- decision made on furloughs.

As we await a decision, we are assuming and planning for 14 days of furlough to start in mid- to late-June. If there is a such a decision, I will come back to you in mid- to late-May with details on how we would execute such a plan and if there were any further or new exemptions. Regardless, I will inform you immediately if that plan changes.

You continue to have my deepest appreciation for your outstanding patience, service and perseverance during these uncertain times.

Best regards,

MG Tony Cucolo