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MEMORANDUM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED

FROM: MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVICE DIVISION/FAMILY TRAVEL

SUBJECT: Early Return of Dependents

1. The early return of Family members program is governed by the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), Chapter 5, (050804), which is set by Public Law. This program is not to be utilized simply for the convenience of the member and their dependents. It will **only** be used as a **last** resort. The purpose of the early return of Family members is to allow travel and transportation allowance for command sponsored dependents to designated place, or if the dependents are foreign nationals to a place in the country of the dependents' origin. Travel may be performed at government expense when it is shown that transportation of the dependents is in the best interest of the government. Dependents' travel and transportation allowances may be provided only when it is determined that there is a valid need for the dependents to move and when their circumstances are considered to be **unusual** or of an **emergency nature**. It must be determined that the problem or situation occurred after arrival at the overseas location and local resources (on or off base) can't resolve the problem. Recommendations from religious, mental health, financial management, family counseling, or legal agencies **should** be obtained and submitted as supporting documentation with the member's request. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis. As a reminder, many factors must be considered when evaluating a member's request and the personnel must be advised that approval is **not** automatic.

2. Early return of dependents must be authorized judiciously as the **last** resort. If the member's situation doesn't meet the criteria, the request must be denied. Approval/disapproval authority rests with the support group commander IAW JTR 050804 and AR 55-46.

3. Questions may be directed to the Military Personnel Service Division, Family Travel Section at 655-1804 or 655-4633.

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Attachments –
1. ERD Packet