27 May 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR 27 SOW/SOCONS

FROM: HQ AFSOC/A3OF

SUBJECT: High Rise Escape System

1. Airfield Operations members from the 27 Special Operations Support Squadron recently submitted a request for support reference procurement of a "High Rise Escape System" for Building 128, Control Tower, Cannon AFB, NM.

2. USAF Air Traffic Controllers formerly relied on a device called the "Baker Life Chute" to successfully egress the facility in case of emergency. That company is no longer solvent and has been non-operational for several years. The High Rise Escape system manufactured by High Rise Escape Systems Inc. is currently the only evacuation system known that is installed at USAF Air Traffic Control Towers within the National Airspace System.

3. Any questions pertaining to this MFR can be directed to Maj Michael Primmer at michael.primmer@us.af.mil or DSN: 312-579-4425.

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