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SUBJECT: Support of the Headquarters of Combatant and Subordinate Joint Commands

- References:
- (a) DoD Directive 5100.3, "Support of the Headquarters of Unified, Specified, and Subordinate Joint Commands," November 1, 1988 (hereby canceled)
  - (b) Section 165 of title 10, United States Code
  - (c) *Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Support of the Headquarters of U.S. Northern Command, May 21, 2002 (hereby superceded)"*
  - (d) *Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Designation of U.S. Strategic Command," July 11, 2002 (hereby superceded)"*
  - (e) through (i), see enclosure 1

## 1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive:

1.1. *Reissues* reference (a) and, pursuant to reference (b), establishes the policy of the Department of Defense regarding responsibility for the administrative and logistic support of the headquarters of the Combatant Commands and their subordinate joint commands. The U.S. element of the North American Air Defense Command, although not a Combatant Command, is included in this Directive for headquarters administrative and logistics support purposes.

1.2. *Implements and supercedes references (c) and (d).*

## 2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities *in* the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as "*the* DoD Components").

## 3. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Directive, the following terms have the meaning set forth:

3.1. Service-Common. Equipment, materiel, supplies, and services adopted by a Military Service for use by its own Service forces and activities. These include standard materiel items, base operating support, and the supplies and services provided by a Military Service to support and sustain its own Service forces, including those Service forces assigned to the Combatant Commands. Items and services defined as Service-common by one Military Service are not necessarily Service-common for all other Military Services.

3.2. Special Operations (SO) Activities. Functions and missions performed by special operations forces (SOF) and specified as such in public law or by the President or the Secretary of Defense.

3.3. Special Operations (SO)-Peculiar. Equipment, materiel, supplies and services required for SO activities for which there is no Service-common requirement. These are limited to items and services initially designed for, or used by, SOF until adopted for Service-common use by other DoD Forces; modifications approved by the Commander in Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command (USCINCSOC) for application to standard items and services used by other DoD forces; and items and services approved by the USCINCSOC as critically urgent for the immediate accomplishment of an SO activity.

## 4. POLICY

4.1. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall provide or arrange for the administrative and logistic support of the headquarters of the Combatant Commands and the U.S. Element, North American Air Defense Command, as indicated below. Except as indicated below, the support responsibility designated for the headquarters of each Combatant Command extends to the headquarters of all subordinate joint commands established within the Combatant Command.

COMMANDSUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY

U.S. European Command	Secretary of the Army
U.S. Southern Command	Secretary of the Army
U.S. Joint Forces Command	Secretary of the Navy
U.S. Pacific Command except:	Secretary of the Navy
U.S. Forces, Korea	Secretary of the Army
U.S. Central Command	Secretary of the Air Force
U.S. Space Command	Secretary of the Air Force
U.S. Special Operations Command except:	Secretary of the Air Force
Joint Special Operations Command	Secretary of the Army
U.S. Transportation Command	Secretary of the Air Force
<i>U.S. Northern Command</i>	<i>Secretary of the Air Force</i>

4.2. In accordance with references (b) and *DoD Directive 5100.1 (reference (e))*, the supporting Military Departments shall program and budget to fund, without reimbursement, the administrative and logistic support required by the supported joint headquarters to perform their assigned missions effectively. This non-reimbursable support shall include essential base operating support per *DoD Instruction 4000.19 (reference (f))* and direct support of Major DoD Headquarters Activities per *DoD Directive 5100.73 (reference (g))*, except that USCINCSOC shall program and budget for those specific direct support costs of its own Major DoD Headquarters Activities for which funds have been transferred from the Military Services to Major Force Program 11.

4.3. In accordance with *10 U.S.C. 167 and Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum (references (h)) and (i))*, the *Commander of* the U.S. Special Operations Command shall program and budget for the SO-peculiar support of the headquarters of the theater Special Operations Commands and other joint special operations commands established within the Combatant Commands. In accordance with reference (b) *and references (e) through (g)*, the supporting Military Departments shall program and budget for the Service-common support of these joint SO headquarters.

4.4. The Secretaries of the Military Departments may designate Executive Agents to provide or arrange for the administrative and logistic support of the headquarters of the Combatant Commands and their subordinate joint commands. The Commanders in Chief of the Combatant Commands shall identify their requirements to the Secretaries of the Military Departments or their designated Executive Agents and coordinate for the provision or arrangement of the required support.

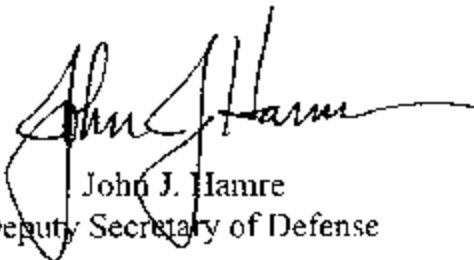
4.5. Disputes concerning the support of these joint headquarters shall be elevated through each DoD Component's chain of command for resolution. Unresolvable disputes among DoD Components shall be forwarded through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense for resolution.

4.6. If changes in law or policy result in a change of support responsibility, the losing Military Department *shall* continue to provide funded support to the supported Combatant Command until the Secretary of Defense actually transfers the resources to the gaining Military Department. The losing and gaining Military Departments and the supported Combatant Command shall recommend the baseline resources to be transferred.

4.7. Existing inter-Service support agreements, memoranda of agreement, and memoranda of understanding in effect upon issuance of this Directive shall be revised to incorporate the provisions of this Directive to take effect no later than October 1, *2004*.

## 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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Enclosures - 1

E1. References, continued

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REFERENCES, continued

- (e) [DoD Directive 5100.1](#), "Functions of the Department of Defense and Its Major Components," *August 1, 2002*
- (f) [DoD Instruction 4000.19](#), "Interservice and Intragovernmental Support," August 9, 1995
- (g) [DoD Directive 5100.73](#), "Major Department of Defense Headquarters Activities," May 13, 1999
- (h) Section 167 of title 10, United States Code
- (i) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Guidance for Developing and Implementing the Special Operations Forces Program and Budget," December 1, 1989