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SUBJECT: DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO) Guidance and Policy Memorandum No. 3-8460-042399
-- Defense Message System (DMS) Enterprise-Wide Messaging

Electronic messaging has become a critical component of the daily operations of the Department information superiority posture, overall Department information assurance, command and control of warfighting forces, and mission support processes. The DMS is being rapidly fielded to support the Departments' electronic messaging needs. The Joint Staff message, R131900Z August 1998, subject, Official Messaging Via DMS, encourages the use of DMS for official business beginning with DMS release 2.0. It is in this context that the DMS guidance is provided at **Attachment 1**.

In essence, the DMS will provide the full range of messaging services employing the appropriate protocols and standards necessary to meet organizational and individual messaging needs throughout the Department. Legacy messaging must migrate to DMS-compliant messaging as current systems are upgraded or replaced. Legacy organizational messaging using AUTODIN must transition to the DMS prior to AUTODIN closure in December 1999. Requests for use of the DMS Transition Hubs (DTHs) for critical systems that may need AUTODIN-like services after AUTODIN closure can only be granted by the DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO). Criteria are provided at **Attachment 2**.

This memorandum updates similar guidance provided in the ASD(C3I) memorandum, dated February 19, 1998, entitled Defense Message System (DMS) Policy Guidance Update. The DISN connection criteria are also updated at **Attachment 3**. Additionally, the DMS Security Policy and the DMS General Service (GENSER) Message Security Classifications, Categories, and Marking Phrase Requirements (**Attachments 4 and 5**) are hereby approved. Funding responsibilities outlined in the ASD(C3I) memorandum of October 18, 1996, entitled, Policy Guidance for Defense Message System (DMS) Implementation, Operation, and Life-Cycle Management ((LCM), remain in effect prior to FY2000.

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Attachments

