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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Disestablishment of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration (ASD(NII)) and Related Matters

Effective today, the position of ASD(NII) is hereby disestablished and the authorities, responsibilities, personnel, and resources of the ASD(NII) are transferred to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (DoD CIO), except for the specific transfer of resources identified below. The DoD CIO will continue to exercise authority, direction, and control over the Director, Defense Information Systems Agency.

In order to streamline and focus the DoD CIO, I am directing that the DoD CIO shall be the Department's primary authority for the policy and oversight of information resources management, to include matters related to information technology, network defense, and network operations. The Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, will continue to direct operations to secure, operate, and defend DoD information networks in compliance with policy direction and, in doing so, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will ensure that full coordination and support are provided to the DoD CIO.

Furthermore, to ensure a more focused organization, those acquisition-specific functions and resources related to command, control, communications, non-intelligence space matters, and Major Automated Information Systems will transfer from the DoD CIO to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. However, the DoD CIO will retain its statutory responsibilities relating to acquisition matters, including, pursuant to section 2222(f) of title 10, United States Code, being responsible and accountable for any defense business system for which the primary purpose is to support information technology infrastructure or information assurance activities.

These actions, coupled with other efficiencies, will further our efforts to eliminate duplicative functions and refocus efforts to ensure that resources and activities are directed to the highest overall priorities of the Department, particularly in today's fiscal environment of constrained budgets and reduced spending.

The Director of Administration and Management, in coordination with other cognizant officials, shall take the actions necessary to implement the disestablishment of ASD(NII) and related actions.

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