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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Designation of the Chief Information Officer of the
 Department of Defense

On February 10, 1996, the President signed the National
 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996. The Department
 strongly supports the requirements of this Act to establish both
 a Chief Information Officer (CIO) and a Deputy CIO and to
 implement management reforms that will institutionalize
 information technology performance measurements and results-
 based capital planning and investments.

Overall, the functions currently performed by the Assistant
 Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and
 Intelligence are substantially identical to those of the proposed
 agency Chief Information Officer (CIO).

Therefore, effective immediately, in addition to their
 current duties, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command,
 Control, Communications, and Intelligence (ASD(C3I)) is
 designated as the CIO of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the
 Principal Deputy ASD(C3I) is designated as the Deputy CIO of the
 DoD. Further, within 150 days, CIOs will also be established in
 each of the Military Departments and Defense Agencies.

The ASD(C3I) will lead a joint DoD effort that will present
 within 150 days for my approval, coordinated procedures that
 implement the management requirements of Division E of the
 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, the
 Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996.

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