



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: Protective Services for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense

This memorandum is issued on behalf of the Secretary of Defense and supersedes the 19 August 1976 memorandum. Within the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) the responsibility for ensuring the personal safety of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary is assigned to the Assistant to the Secretary (Personal Security) who is authorized to task the military departments as required to provide the necessary protective services. In the past this support has been provided by the departments from within existing resources and without a formal mission statement assigning the function. In most instances the U. S. Army Criminal Investigation Command has provided the majority of this support.

Accordingly, the military departments are directed to provide the necessary protective services for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense as may be determined by the Assistant to the Secretary (Personal Security). In those instances wherein the Army is designated to be the primary agency for providing this support, the Departments of the Navy and Air Force are directed to assist the Army in the accomplishment of this mission. Similarly, should the Navy or Air Force be tasked to be the primary agency for coordinating protective support, the other departments will provide the necessary assistance. The military departments are authorized and encouraged to coordinate directly with each other to develop mutually agreed upon levels of effort in order to satisfy support requirements. During this period of downsizing, resourcing constraints and increased potential threat, primary emphasis should be placed on providing the best quality security in the most cost efficient way.

There are currently ongoing efforts to develop, staff, and implement a DoD Directive on protective services that would formalize responsibilities and duties of the military departments. Until such time as enactment, this memorandum should serve as the guideline for providing personal security support to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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