

1 “(b) SPECIAL COMBATANT COMMANDS.—If the Secre-
2 tary of Defense determines that a situation warrants the cre-
3 ation for a specific military mission of a force outside the
4 existing unified and specified commands, the Secretary, with
5 the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
6 of Staff, may—

7 “(1) establish a special combatant command to re-
8 spond to that situation;

9 “(2) prescribe the mission, force structure, and
10 support and administrative arrangements of that com-
11 mand; and

12 “(3) prescribe the chain of command from the
13 President and Secretary of Defense to the commander
14 of that command.

15 “(c) PERIODIC REVIEW.—(1) The Chairman shall peri-
16 odically (and not less often than every other year)—

17 “(A) review the overall structure of the unified
18 and specified combatant commands (including the rela-
19 tionship among their respective functions, missions,
20 areas of responsibility, and chains of command); and

21 “(B) recommend to the President, through the
22 Secretary of Defense, any changes that the Chairman
23 considers necessary or appropriate.