

1       “(2) The President shall promptly inform Congress of  
2 any action taken in response to recommendations made by  
3 the Chairman under paragraph (1)(B).

4       **“§ 162. Forces assigned to combatant commands**

5       “(a) ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES.—(1) Except as provided  
6 in paragraph (2), the Secretaries of the military departments  
7 shall assign all forces under their jurisdiction to unified and  
8 specified combatant commands established under this chapter  
9 to perform the missions assigned to those commands. As di-  
10 rected by the Secretary of Defense, the commanders of the  
11 unified and specified combatant commands and the Secretar-  
12 ies of the military departments shall assign forces to any spe-  
13 cial combatant command established under this chapter.

14       “(2) Forces to be assigned by the Secretaries of the mili-  
15 tary departments to the combatant commands do not, except  
16 as directed by the Secretary of Defense, include forces as-  
17 signed to the recruiting, organizing, training, or supplying of  
18 the armed forces.

19       “(3) A force assigned to a unified or specified combatant  
20 command under this chapter may be transferred from the  
21 command to which it is assigned only by authority of the  
22 Secretary of Defense and under procedures prescribed by the  
23 Secretary with the approval of the President.

24       “(4) A force not assigned to a combatant command re-  
25 mains, for all purposes, in the military department concerned.