

1 structure that would be used in the event of war or hostil-
2 ities.

3 “(2) The commander of each combatant command shall
4 have authority to train forces assigned to that command and
5 to employ those forces to accomplish assigned missions.

6 **“§ 163. Functions and supervision**

7 “(a) **FUNCTIONS.**—Commanders of combatant com-
8 mands established under this chapter are responsible to the
9 President and to the Secretary of Defense for such missions
10 as may be assigned to them by the Secretary with the ap-
11 proval of the President.

12 “(b) **SUPERVISION BY JCS CHAIRMAN.**—Subject to the
13 authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense,
14 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff supervises the com-
15 manders of the combatant commands and is their spokesman
16 at the seat of Government.

17 **“§ 164. Support and administration of assigned forces**

18 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Unless otherwise directed by the
19 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of each military depart-
20 ment is responsible for the support and administration of
21 forces assigned by that department to combatant commands.

22 “(b) **SOURCES OF SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION.**—
23 The Secretary of Defense may assign the responsibility for
24 the support and administration of forces assigned to a com-
25 batant command (or any part of that responsibility) to—