

1 *shortest practicable for each force deployed consistent with*
2 *proper supervision and support.*

3 “(c) *PERIODIC REVIEW.—(1) The Chairman shall pe-*
4 *riodically (and not less often than every other year)—*

5 “(A) *review the overall structure of the unified*
6 *and specified combatant commands (including the rela-*
7 *tionship among their respective functions, missions,*
8 *areas of responsibility, and chains of command); and*

9 “(B) *recommend to the President, through the*
10 *Secretary of Defense, any changes that the Chairman*
11 *considers necessary or appropriate.*

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

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

16 “(a) *ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES.—(1)(A) Except as pro-*
17 *vided in paragraph (2), the Secretaries of the military de-*
18 *partments shall assign all forces under their jurisdiction to*
19 *unified and specified combatant commands to perform the*
20 *missions assigned to those commands. Such assignments*
21 *shall be made as directed by the Secretary of Defense, in-*
22 *cluding direction as to the command to which forces are to be*
23 *assigned.*

24 “(B) *As directed by the Secretary of Defense, the com-*
25 *manders of the unified and specified combatant commands*