

1 “(b) *COMMAND OF ASSIGNED FORCES.—(1) Notwith-*
2 *standing any other provision of law, a force assigned to a*
3 *combatant command under this section is under the command*
4 *of the commander of that command. In this section, the term*
5 *‘command’ means the authority to give authoritative direction*
6 *to subordinate forces necessary to accomplish assigned*
7 *missions.*

8 “(2) *The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that com-*
9 *manders of combatant commands have sufficient authority*
10 *over the forces assigned to their commands to exercise effec-*
11 *tive command over those forces.*

12 “(3) *If a commander of a combatant command at any*
13 *time considers his authority over any of the forces assigned to*
14 *that command to be insufficient to command effectively, the*
15 *commander shall promptly inform the Secretary of Defense.*

16 “(c) *ORGANIZATION, TRAINING, AND EMPLOYMENT*
17 *OF ASSIGNED FORCES.—(1) The commander of each com-*
18 *batant command shall prescribe the chain of command and*
19 *organizational structure of forces assigned to that command.*
20 *To the extent practicable, the structure established should be*
21 *the structure that would be used in the event of war or*
22 *hostilities.*

23 “(2) *The commander of a combatant command shall*
24 *have authority—*