

1 *may assign the responsibility for the support of forces as-*  
2 *signed to a combatant command (or any part of that responsi-*  
3 *bility) to—*

4           “(1) *one or more of the military departments;*

5           “(2) *other agencies of the Department of Defense;*

6           *or*

7           “(3) *the commander of the combatant command*  
8 *concerned.*

9           “(c) *REQUESTS BY CINCS TO PROVIDE OWN SUP-*  
10 *PORT.—(1) If a commander of a combatant command decides*  
11 *that performance of a support function (or any part of such a*  
12 *function) by elements of that command would improve the*  
13 *capability of the command to carry out assigned missions or*  
14 *would otherwise be more effective, economical, or efficient, the*  
15 *commander may submit to the Secretary of Defense a propos-*  
16 *al for the transfer of that function (or any part of that func-*  
17 *tion) to the command.*

18           “(2) *Parts of a support function with respect to which a*  
19 *commander may submit a proposal under this subsection in-*  
20 *clude the authority, with respect to that function, to establish*  
21 *requirements and to plan and direct distribution.*

22           “(d) *ADVICE OF CHAIRMAN.—The functions of the*  
23 *Secretary under this section shall be carried out with the*  
24 *advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of*  
25 *Staff.*