

1 “(3) review periodically, but not less often than
2 every two years, the missions, tasks, responsibilities
3 (including geographic boundaries), and force structure
4 of each combatant command and revise such missions,
5 tasks, responsibilities, and force structures as may be
6 necessary to respond to changing conditions; and

7 “(4) notify Congress, except during time of hostil-
8 ities or imminent threat of hostilities, at least 60 days
9 before (A) establishing a new combatant command, or
10 (B) significantly revising the missions, tasks, responsi-
11 bilities, or force structure of an existing combatant
12 command.

13 “(b)(1) Unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of
14 Defense, all combatant forces of the military departments
15 shall be assigned to combatant commands, established under
16 this section, to perform the missions of those commands.

17 “(2) Consistent with the force structure prescribed by
18 the President for each combatant command, the Secretary of
19 each military department, with the approval of the Secretary
20 of Defense, shall assign combatant forces of his department
21 to combatant commands.

22 “(3) A combatant force so assigned may be transferred
23 from the command to which it is assigned only by authority
24 of the Secretary of Defense and only under procedures pre-
25 scribed by the Secretary and approved by the President.