

1 in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of
2 Defense.

3 “(h) In accordance with procedures established by the
4 Secretary of Defense, the commander of a combatant com-
5 mand may suspend from duty and recommend the reassign-
6 ment of any officer assigned to such combatant command.

7 **“§ 165. Combatant commands: administration and support**

8 “(a) The Secretary of Defense, with the advice and as-
9 sistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall
10 provide for the administration and support of combatant
11 forces assigned to each combatant command.

12 “(b) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of
13 the Secretary of Defense and consistent with the full oper-
14 ational command vested in combatant commanders by section
15 164(d) of this title, the Secretary of a military department is
16 responsible for the administration and support of forces as-
17 signed by him to a combatant command.

18 “(c) After consultation with the Secretary of each mili-
19 tary department, the Secretary of Defense may also assign
20 the responsibility or any part of the responsibility for the ad-
21 ministration and support of combatant forces assigned to the
22 combatant commands to other components of the Department
23 of Defense. A component assigned such a responsibility shall
24 discharge that responsibility under the authority, direction,
25 and control of the Secretary of Defense and consistent with