

1           “(2) if there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice  
2 Chief of Naval Operations or the Vice Chief of Naval  
3 Operations is absent or disabled, unless the President  
4 directs otherwise, the most senior officer in the Office  
5 of the Chief of Naval Operations who is not absent or  
6 disabled and who is not restricted in performance of  
7 duty shall perform the duties of the Chief of Naval Op-  
8 erations until a successor to the Chief of Naval Oper-  
9 ations or the Vice Chief of Naval Operations is ap-  
10 pointed or until the absence or disability of the Chief of  
11 Naval Operations or Vice Chief of Naval Operations  
12 ceases, whichever occurs first.

13 **“§ 5036. Deputy Chiefs of Naval Operations: detail; duties**

14           “(a) There are in the Office of the Chief of Naval Oper-  
15 ations not more than four Deputy Chiefs of Naval Oper-  
16 ations, detailed by the Secretary of the Navy from officers on  
17 the active-duty list in the line of the Navy serving in grades  
18 above captain.

19           “(b) The Deputy Chiefs of Naval Operations are  
20 charged, under the direction of the Chief of Naval Oper-  
21 ations, with the execution of the functions of their respective  
22 divisions. Orders issued by the Deputy Chiefs of Naval Oper-  
23 ations in performing the duties assigned them are considered  
24 as coming from the Chief of Naval Operations.