

1 the execution of any power, duty, or function of the  
2 Secretary or the Commandant;

3 “(2) investigate and report upon the efficiency of  
4 the Marine Corps and its preparation to support mili-  
5 tary operations by combatant commanders;

6 “(3) prepare detailed instructions for the execution  
7 of approved plans and supervise the execution of those  
8 plans and instructions;

9 “(4) act as agent of the Secretary and the Com-  
10 mandant in coordinating the action of all organizations  
11 of the Marine Corps; and

12 “(5) perform such other duties, not otherwise as-  
13 signed by law, as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

14 **“§ 5203. Commandant of the Marine Corps: appointment;**  
15 **term of office; powers and duties**

16 “(a) There is a Commandant of the Marine Corps ap-  
17 pointed by the President by and with the advice and consent  
18 of the Senate. The Commandant shall be appointed for a  
19 term of four years from officers on the active-duty list of the  
20 Marine Corps not below the grade of colonel. He serves at  
21 the pleasure of the President. In time of war or during a  
22 national emergency declared by Congress, he may be reap-  
23 pointed for a term of not more than four years.