

1 “(b)(1) The Deputy Chairman exercises such duties as
2 may be delegated by the Chairman with the approval of the
3 Secretary of Defense.

4 “(2) When there is a vacancy in the office of Chairman
5 or in the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Deputy
6 Chairman, unless otherwise directed by the President or Sec-
7 retary of Defense, acts as Chairman and performs the duties
8 of the Chairman until a successor is appointed or the absence
9 or disability ceases.

10 “(c) The Deputy Chairman is the director of the Joint
11 Staff.

12 “(d) The Deputy Chairman may attend all meetings of
13 the Joint Chiefs of Staff but may not vote on a matter before
14 the Joint Chiefs of Staff except when acting as Chairman.

15 “(e) The Deputy Chairman, while so serving, holds the
16 rank of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy,
17 admiral and outranks all other officers of the armed forces
18 except the Chairman. The Deputy Chairman may not exer-
19 cise military command over the Joint Chiefs of Staff or over
20 any of the armed forces.”.

21 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chap-
22 ter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section
23 142 the following new item:

“142a. Deputy Chairman.”.