

1       “(c) The Joint Military Staff shall be organized and op-  
2 erated along conventional staff lines to support the Chief of  
3 Staff in discharging his assigned responsibilities.

4       “(d) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the  
5 Joint Military Staff is independently organized and operated  
6 so that the Joint Military Staff, and the members of the Joint  
7 Military Staff, support the Chief of Staff in meeting the con-  
8 gressional purpose set forth in the last clause of section 2 of  
9 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 401) to pro-  
10 vide for the unified strategic direction of the combatant  
11 forces, for their operation under unified command, and for  
12 their integration into an efficient team of land, naval, and air  
13 forces.

14       “(e) The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the  
15 Chief of Staff, shall ensure that officer personnel policies of  
16 the armed forces concerning promotion, retention, and as-  
17 signment give appropriate consideration to the performance  
18 of an officer as a member of the Joint Military Staff.”.

19       (c) Section 124 of such title is amended—

20               (1) by striking out “Joint Chiefs of Staff” in sub-  
21 section (a) and inserting in lieu thereof “Chief of Staff  
22 of the National Command Authorities”; and

23               (2) by inserting “and to the Chief of Staff of the  
24 National Command Authorities” in subsection (c) after  
25 “to the Secretary”.