

waive such requirement in the case of any officer if the President determines such action is necessary in the national interest.

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(b) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the principal military adviser to the President, the National Security Council, and the Secretary of Defense.

[(c) Subject to the authority and direction of the President and the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall—

[(1) prepare strategic plans and provide for the strategic direction of the armed forces;

[(2) prepare joint logistic plans and assign logistic responsibilities to the armed forces in accordance with those plans;

[(3) establish unified commands in strategic areas;

[(4) review the major material and personnel requirements of the armed forces in accordance with strategic and logistic plans;

[(5) formulate policies for the joint training of the armed forces;

[(6) formulate policies for coordinating the military education of members of the armed forces;

[(7) provide for representation of the United States on the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations; and

[(8) perform such other duties as the President or the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.]

(c) The members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are military advisers to the President, the National Security Council, and the Secretary of Defense, as specified in this section.

(d) The Joint Chiefs of Staff, assisted by the Joint Staff, constitute the immediate military staff of the Secretary of Defense.

(e) In performing his duties, the Chairman shall—

(1) convene regular meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;

(2) unless impracticable, consult with and seek the advice of, individually or collectively, the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and

(3) when appropriate, consult with and seek the advice of the commanders of the unified and specified combatant commands.

(f) When the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff provides advice to the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, or the President, any other member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff may submit advice or an opinion in disagreement or advice or an opinion in addition to the advice provided by the Chairman. If such member submits such advice or opinion, the Chairman shall present the advice or opinion of such member at the same time the Chairman presents his own advice to the President, the National Security Council, or the Secretary of Defense, as the case may be.

[(d)] *(g) After first informing the Secretary of Defense, a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff may make such recommendations to Congress relating to the Department of Defense as he may consider appropriate.*

(h) In addition to any advice or opinion submitted under subsection (f) by members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff other than the