

“(c) ORGANIZATION, TRAINING, AND EMPLOYMENT OF ASSIGNED FORCES.—(1) The commander of each combatant command shall prescribe the chain of command and organizational structure of forces assigned to that command. To the extent practicable, the structure established should be the structure that would be used in the event of war or hostilities.

“(2) The commander of a combatant command shall have authority—

“(A) to train forces assigned to that command; and

“(B) to employ those forces to accomplish assigned missions.

“§ 163. Functions and supervision

“(a) FUNCTIONS.—Commanders of combatant commands established under this chapter are responsible to the President and to the Secretary of Defense for such missions as may be assigned to them by the Secretary with the approval of the President.

“(b) SUPERVISION BY JCS CHAIRMAN.—Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff supervises the commanders of the combatant commands and is their spokesman at the seat of Government.

“§ 164. Administration and support of assigned forces

“(a) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of each military department is responsible for the administration of forces assigned by that department to combatant commands.

“(b) SUPPORT.—Unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of each military department is responsible for the support of forces assigned by that department to combatant commands. The Secretary of Defense may assign the responsibility for the support of forces assigned to a combatant command (or any part of that responsibility) to—

“(1) one or more of the military departments;

“(2) other agencies of the Department of Defense; or

“(3) the commander of the combatant command concerned.

“(c) REQUESTS BY CINCS TO PROVIDE OWN SUPPORT.—(1) If a commander of a combatant command decides that performance of a support function (or any part of such a function) by elements of that command would improve the capability of the command to carry out assigned missions or would otherwise be more effective, economical, or efficient, the commander may submit to the Secretary of Defense a proposal for the transfer of that function (or any part of that function) to the command.

“(2) Parts of a support function with respect to which a commander may submit a proposal under this subsection include the authority, with respect to that function, to establish requirements and to plan and direct distribution.

“(d) ADVICE OF CHAIRMAN.—The functions of the Secretary under this section shall be carried out with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“§ 165. Unified and specified commands: program and budget proposals; net assessments

“(a) COMBATANT COMMAND BUDGETS.—The Secretary of Defense shall include in the annual budget of the Department of Defense submitted to Congress a separate budget proposal for such activities of each of the unified and specified combatant commands as may be determined under subsection (b).

“(b) CONTENT OF PROPOSALS.—A budget proposal under subsection (a) for funding of activities of a combatant command shall include funding proposals for such activities of the combatant command as the Secretary (after consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) determines to be appropriate for inclusion. Activities of a combatant command for which funding may be requested in such a proposal include the following:

“(1) Joint exercises.

“(2) Force training.

“(3) Contingencies.

“(4) Selected operations.

“(c) SUBMISSION BY CINCS.—The commander of each unified or specified combatant command shall submit to the Chairman an annual program and budget proposal for that command for consideration for inclusion under subsection (a) in the next budget of the Department of Defense.

“(d) SUBMISSION OF BUDGET PROPOSALS BY CHAIRMAN.—The Chairman shall—

“(1) review and analyze the combatant command budget proposals submitted under subsection (c);