

[(2) prescribe the force structure of those commands.

[(b) The military departments shall assign forces to combatant commands established under this section to perform the missions of those commands. A force so assigned is under the full operational command of the commander of the command to which it is assigned. It may be transferred from the command to which it is assigned only by authority of the Secretary and under procedures prescribed by the Secretary with the approval of the President. A force not so assigned, remains, for all purposes, in the military department concerned.

[(c)(1) Combatant commands established under this section are responsible to the President and to the Secretary for such military missions as may be assigned to them by the Secretary with the approval of the President.

[(2) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff acts as the spokesman for the commanders of the combatant commands on operational requirements.

[(d) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary, each military department is responsible for the administration of forces assigned by that department to combatant commands established for the support of forces assigned to those commands to one or more of the military departments.]

§ 125. Functions, powers, and duties: transfer, reassignment, consolidation, or abolition

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(d) In subsection (a)(1), "major combatant function, power, or duty" does not include a supply or service activity common to more than one military department. [The Secretary of Defense shall, whenever he determines it will be more effective, economical, or efficient, provide for the performance of such an activity by one agency or such other organizations as he considers appropriate.]

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

(c) Subject to the authority and direction of the President and the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman (in consultation, as appropriate, with the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and with the commanders of the unified and specified commands) shall—