

tween these Offices and staffs. Sections 3014(e), 5014(e), and 8014(e) of title 10 (as added by sections 501, 511, and 521 of the conference substitute amendment) would require each Secretary of a Military Department to eliminate such duplication. The conferees expect the Secretaries of the Military Departments to take this responsibility seriously. The 15-percent reductions in the total number of personnel assigned to the top management headquarters are designed, in part, to force a comprehensive management review of such duplication and the formulation of effective solutions.

The conferees also remain concerned about two other problems:

(1) the significant number of personnel assigned to duty in the Washington, D.C. area; and

(2) duplication by the military headquarters staffs of each Military Department of operations and plans functions that are performed by the Joint Staff.

In implementing subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) of sections 3014, 5014, and 8014 of title 10 (as added by sections 501, 511, and 521 of the conference substitute amendment), the Secretaries of the Military Departments shall take appropriate action to solve these problems. In the implementation reports that would be required by section 532(b) of the conference substitute amendment, the conferees agreed to direct each Secretary of a Military Department to inform the Congress on:

(1) the number of personnel positions that have been transferred to duty positions outside the Washington, D.C. area;

(2) the functions that have been reassigned to subordinate commands and organizations outside the Washington, D.C. area;

(3) the aspects of the functions of operations and plans that are required to be performed by the military headquarters staff or staffs of the Military Department;

(4) the aspects of the functions of operations and plans that were previously performed by the military headquarters staff or staffs of the Military Department that duplicated aspects of the functions performed by the Joint Staff and that will no longer be performed by the military headquarters staff or staffs of the Military Department; and

(5) the number of personnel positions that have been eliminated in the military headquarters staff or staffs in the Military Department as a result of the determinations in item (4).

The conferees agreed to delete the authority for, and limitations on, the Army General Staff because the Army no longer uses this staff designation. Thus, statutory specification of the Army General Staff is no longer needed.

Under Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force

The Senate amendment contained provisions (sections 201, 301, and 401) that would:

(1) require the Under Secretary of a Military Department to be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and