

motion boards give appropriate consideration to joint duty performance;

directs the JCS Chairman to review promotion board reports before they are submitted to the Secretary of Defense;

authorizes the Secretary of a Military Department, if the JCS Chairman determines that the promotion board acted contrary to the Secretary of Defense's guidelines, to return the report to the promotion board (or a subsequent promotion board) for further proceedings, convene a special promotion board, or take other appropriate action;

directs the Secretary of Defense to take appropriate action to resolve any remaining disagreement between the Secretary of a Military Department and the JCS Chairman.

13. Requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the qualifications of officers assigned to joint duty assignments are such that certain promotion rates will be achieved.

14. Requires, subject to a waiver by the Secretary of Defense, that an officer may not be promoted to general or flag rank unless he has served in a joint duty assignment.

15. Requires the JCS Chairman to evaluate the joint duty performance of officers recommended for three- and four-star rank.

16. Requires the Secretary of Defense to advise the President on the qualifications needed by officers to serve in three- and four-star positions.

TITLE V—MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

1. Specifies the responsibilities of the Secretaries of the Military Departments to the Secretary of Defense.

2. Specifies that the functions of the Military Departments are to be carried out so as to fulfill the operational requirements of the unified and specified combatant commands.

3. Makes consistent the appointment and statutory descriptions of the roles and authorities of the Secretaries of the Military Departments, Chiefs of Staff and other officials and officers.

4. Retains the civilian Secretariat and the military headquarters staff as separate staffs in each Military Department.

5. Consolidates sole responsibility for the following functions in each Service Secretariat: acquisition, auditing, comptroller, information management, inspector general, legislative affairs, and public affairs, prohibits the establishment or designation of any office within the military headquarters staffs to conduct any of these functions.

6. Consolidates sole responsibility for research and development in each Service Secretariat but specifies that the Secretaries of the Military Departments may assign to the military headquarters staffs responsibility for those aspects of research and development that relate to military requirements and test and evaluation.

7. Directs the Secretaries of the Military Departments to prescribe the relationship of offices within the Secretariats responsible for these functions to the Chiefs of Staff and the military headquarters staffs.