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I. ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES—GENERAL COUNSEL.—1. Effective immediately, the Department Counselor is redesignated as General Counsel.

2. The General Counsel is directly responsible to the Secretary of the Army. He serves as civilian legal adviser to the Secretary, as directed. In addition, he provides legal advice and assistance, as requested, to the Under Secretary and Assistant Secretaries of the Army.

II. TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES—CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON.—1. *Effective immediately*, the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison is transferred from the Army Staff to the Office of the Secretary of the Army.

2. The Chief of Legislative Liaison is directly responsible to the Secretary of the Army and is responsive to the requirements of the Chief of Staff for liaison with members and committees of the Congress. The Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison is the sole agency of the Army authorized to conduct liaison with the Congress, except in areas affecting budgets, appropriations and other related financial matters. Specifically, and in accordance with policies, guidelines, and procedures established by the Secretary of Defense, he is responsible for—

a. Providing advice and assistance to the Secretary of the Army and to the Chief of Staff on legislative aspects of Department of the Army policies, plans, and programs.

b. Coordinating and supervising the Department of the Army's legislative program.

c. Maintaining liaison with members and committees of the Congress on legislative matters of interest to or assigned to the Department of the Army, on investigations of Army activities, and on Army matters of interest to members and committees of the Congress.

d. Providing a central point for Department of the Army contact with members and committees of the Congress.

e. Maintaining liaison with other agencies of the Department of Defense, and with other governmental agencies, on legislative and related matters of concern to the Army.

f. Clearing and coordinating Department of the Army correspondence and reports to be sent to members and committees of the Congress.

g. Assisting in the arrangement of travel for members and committees of the Congress when such travel relates to activities of the Army Establishment.

h. Supervising the preparation and processing of Army-proposed executive orders and proclamations, and of reports pertaining thereto.

i. Coordinating the testimony of representatives of the Army when such testimony relates to legislation or investigations of interest or concern to the Army, including the furnishing of data, comments, and witnesses.

j. Supervising the preparation and maintenance of legislative files and drafts of bills, executive orders and proclamations which would be required by the Department of the Army in the event of war or other national emergency.

3. In addition, the Chief of Legislative Liaison serves as the Army member of the Department of Defense Congressional Liaison Coordinating Council.

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