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## AIR TRANSPORTATION PENTAGON HELIPAD

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**1. Purpose.** This regulation prescribes helicopter operational procedures for the Pentagon Helipad.

**2. Authority.** The procedures herein have been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (Washington National Airport Tower). They apply to all operations into and out of the Pentagon Helipad.

**3. Responsibility.** *a.* The Director, U.S. Army Aeronautical Services Office (USAASO) is responsible for the development and coordination of this regulation in accordance with AR 95-23.

*b.* Commanding General, Military District of Washington, U.S. Army, is responsible for the operation of the Pentagon Helipad. This responsibility includes designating a Helipad Control Officer.

*c.* The Helipad Control Officer will—

(1) Operate and supervise the use of the Helipad.

(2) Coordinate operating procedures with the Federal Aviation Administration and the other agencies using the Helipad.

(3) Arrange for fire protection and other emergency assistance as necessary.

*d.* The Commanding Officer, Davison Army Airfield, Fort Belvoir, VA will be responsible for briefing all assigned and transient users on the current Pentagon Helipad procedure and the Federal Aviation Administration Joint Letter of Agreement.

*e.* The Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Quantico, Virginia, will be responsible for briefing all assigned and transient users on the current Pentagon Helipad procedure and the Federal Aviation Administration Joint Letter of Agreement.

*f.* The Commander, Andrews Air Force Base, Camp Springs, Maryland, will be responsible for briefing all assigned and transient users on the

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\*This regulation supersedes AR 59-70/OPNAVINST 3710.26A/AFR 76-40/NAVMC 3710.2, 29 June 1964, and all changes.

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current Pentagon Helipad procedure and the Federal Aviation Administration Joint Letter of Agreement.

*g.* The Federal Aviation Administration (Tower Chief, Washington National Airport) is responsible for the routes and altitudes to/from the Pentagon Helipad within the Washington Tower Terminal area as prescribed in the Andrews Tower/Dulles Tower/Washington Tower/1001st Helicopter Squadron/Military Assistant to the President/HMX-1 MCAS Quantico/Davison Airfield Letter of Agreement.

**4. Procedure.** *a.* All flights involving the use of the Pentagon Helipad will be reported to the Helipad Control Officer. Flight information will be accepted only from representatives of agencies of the military departments, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and designated representatives of other Federal agencies. Flight information will be reported to the Helipad Control Branch, Office of the Army Headquarters Commandant, during normal duty hours on Extension 79250, and during other than normal duty hours on Extension 52134 and will include—

- (1) Time and date of trip.
- (2) Destination and time of return.
- (3) Type and number of helicopters to land at Helipad.
- (4) Name and grade of senior persons making trip and number of additional passengers on board.
- (5) Name and telephone number of a contact officer in the event that direct communication becomes necessary.

*b.* Use of the Helipad for flight demonstration purposes will be permitted only by prior arrangement with the Helipad Control Officer.

(5) Name and telephone number of a contact used only when visibility is one mile or more and the ceiling is 700 feet or more in the Washington Control Zone, as reported by the observer at the Washington Tower.

*b.* Engines will be shut down when it is known that the waiting time period will exceed 5 minutes, or when passengers have not arrived after a 5-minute wait. There will be a maximum of 10 minutes running time including runup.

**6. Routes and altitudes.** All routes and altitudes will be flown in accordance with the Andrews Tower/Dulles Tower/Washington Tower/1001st Helicopter Squadron/Military Assistant to the President/HMX-1, MCAS Quantico/Davison Airfield Letter of Agreement.

**7. Communications procedures.** At no time will a flight operating under this regulation enter the Washington Control Zone without contacting Washington Tower for approval. Flights will not land at or depart from the Pentagon Helipad without obtaining clearance from the Pentagon Tower.

**8. Alternate communication procedures.** *a.* In the event the Pentagon Tower is not in operation, helicopters will maintain contact with Washington Tower at all times. Under these circumstances, landing and takeoff at the Pentagon will be at the discretion of the pilot.

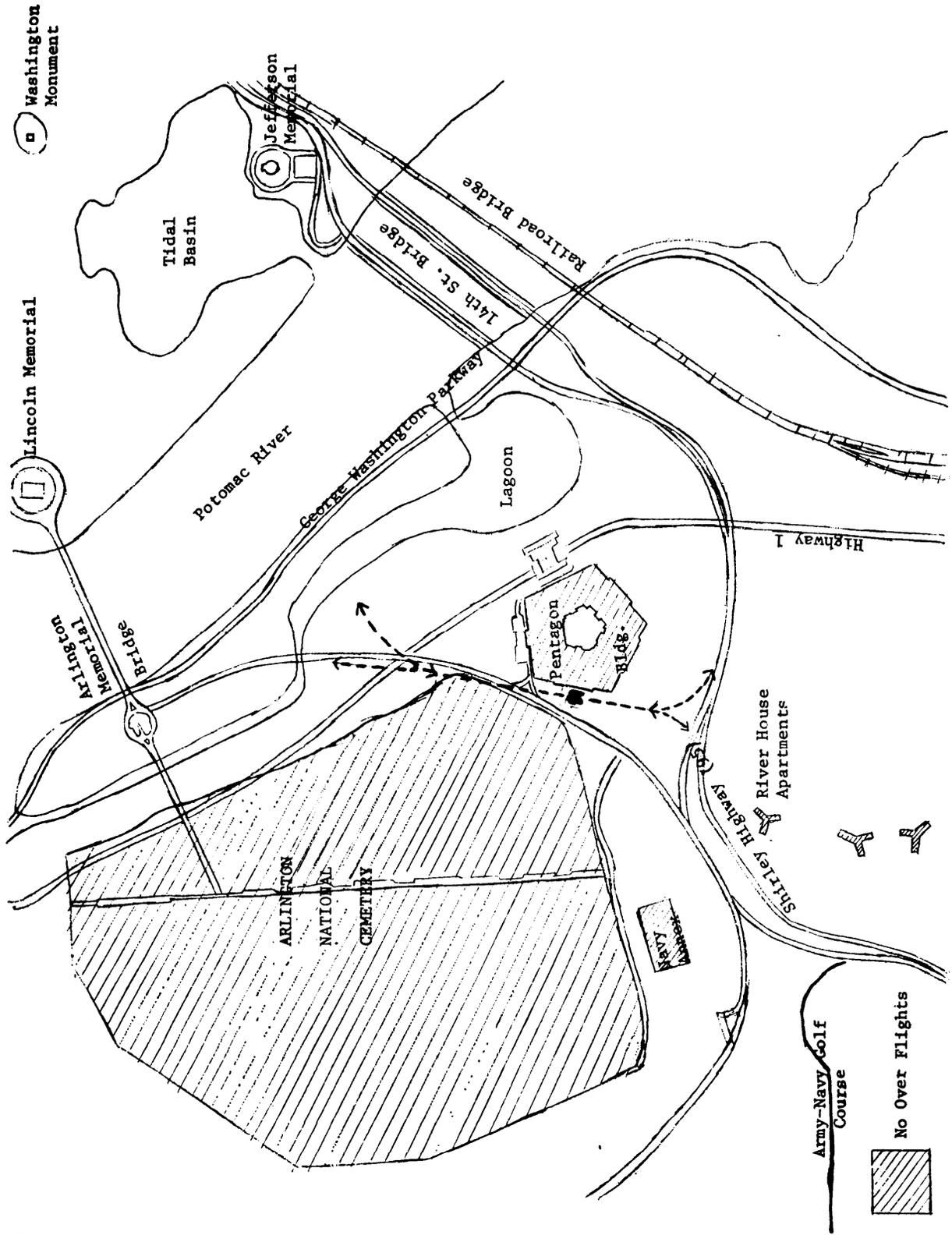
*b.* In the event of radio failure on takeoff from the Pentagon, the pilot in command of the flight will immediately return his flight to the Pentagon, advise Washington Tower of the loss of communication by landline, and request instructions.

**9. Landing and parking.** *a.* All landings will be as directed by the Helipad Control Tower.

*b.* Helicopters will not fly over Arlington Cemetery, the River House Apartments, the Pentagon, or the Navy Annex, as indicated in figure 1.

*c.* Parking helicopters at the Helipad will be as directed by tower personnel.

**10. Transient flights.** Helicopter pilots not familiar with the Pentagon Helipad procedure by actual experience will land at Davison Army Airfield, Fort Belvoir, VA, Andrews Air Force Base, Camp Springs, MD, or Marine Corps Air Station, Quantico, VA, for flight information before proceeding to the Pentagon Helipad.



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