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Encl: (1) DOD Directive 5105.47 of 15 July 1975

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Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT U.S. Defense Representative in Foreign Countries

I. PURPOSE

This Directive provides Terms of Reference for the U.S. Defense Representative (USDR) in foreign countries in order to improve the interface between noncombat DOD elements in-country, the U.S. Ambassador, and the host country defense establishment.

II. POLICY

- A. The Commander of the Unified Command assigned general geographic or security assistance responsibility will designate the DOD position in each country which will be assigned the responsibilities of USDR. In instances of overlapping command jurisdictions, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will designate the DOD position to be assigned USDR responsibility or will delegate authority to do so.
- B. For countries not covered by subsection A., above, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will designate the position to be assigned USDR responsibility or will delegate authority to do so.
- C. The position designated will normally, but not necessarily, be that occupied by the senior military officer assigned to permanent duty and responsibility in the country. He will assume the responsibilities as USDR in addition to his primary duty assignment.
- D. Officers assigned to international staffs or organizations normally will not be designated as the USDR.
- E. The position of the USDR is established for U.S. governmental administrative coordination only and should be so interpreted to officials of the host country. The position of USDR shall not alter existing responsibilities for functional administration.

ENCLOSURE (1)

- F. Exceptions to this policy will be made only when circumstances in a specific country require and only when approved by the Secretary of Defense.

RELATIONSHIPS

- A. Nothing in this Directive should be construed to change:
1. The military chain of command of the National Command Authorities to the commanders of combatant forces.
 2. The authority of the Military Departments or the authority of DOD agencies to exercise technical, substantive, and policy control; and control over internal administration of their various elements.
 3. The normal direct access of the military attaches and the MAAG/MISSION/MILGP chiefs to host government, military, and other officials.
 4. Command relationships, responsibilities, and functions of the U.S. military elements as provided in appropriate directives or detract from their special relationships with appropriate officials.
 5. Relationships and responsibilities between the Military Service attaches and the Chiefs of their Services and Secretaries of their Military Departments.
 6. The attache's role as adviser to the Ambassador or Chief of Mission.
 7. The position of individuals specifically designated as representatives of the Secretary of Defense, e.g., Secretary of Defense Representative in Europe.
- B. For those matters pertaining to his USDR responsibilities, reporting channels for the USDR will be through the appointing authority and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense. Reporting channels for all other matters will remain unchanged.
- C. When the Defense Attache is designated the USDR, his attache title, responsibilities, and reporting channels through DIA are unchanged. However, for the discharge of his USDR responsibilities, he will report through the appointing authority and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense.
- D. The appointing authority may provide a letter of evaluation to be included as a part of routine fitness/effectiveness/

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efficiency reports and pertaining exclusively to performance in the USDR role.

- E. Nothing in this Directive shall be construed to change normal reporting channels and direct access to parent organizations.
- F. Nothing in this Directive shall be construed to intervene in agency heads' necessary direct access to the U.S. Ambassador to fulfill assigned responsibilities and functions.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY

A. The USDR will:

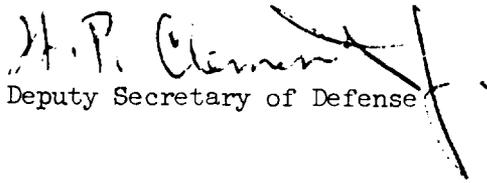
1. Act as the focal point for coordination of general data concerning noncombat DOD elements in the country, to include information on mission, location, structure, and strength of these elements.
2. Provide advice and information to the Ambassador.
3. Inform the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Commander of the Unified Command of in-country DOD activities, as appropriate.
4. Have authority over all DOD personnel in cases of emergency wherein U.S. national interest or DOD interest are involved and the urgency of the situation precludes referral up the chain of command to the appointing authority.
5. Take local initiative to improve the interface between noncombat DOD elements, the U.S. Ambassador, and the host government defense establishment.
6. Act as the DOD Coordinating Authority to eliminate redundant administrative and support functions. As the Coordinating Authority, he has the authority to require consultation among all noncombat DOD elements involved but does not have the authority to compel agreement. In the event the Coordinating Authority is unable to obtain essential agreement, he shall refer the matter through his appointing authority.
7. Perform representational responsibilities to the host government defense establishment, and to the U.S. Ambassador, that are not otherwise assigned.

- B. The USDR will not exercise mission-tasking authority over DOD elements in-country that do not normally report through the position he occupies as a primary duty assignment.

C. The Military Services, Defense Agencies, and all other DOD activities will ensure that the USDR is kept informed so that he can fulfill his responsibilities.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective immediately. Two copies of implementing instructions shall be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) within 90 days.


Deputy Secretary of Defense