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**MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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**SUBJECT: Establishment of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat
Organization (JIEDDO)**

In the last two years, the Department initiated several organizational process improvements to provide timelier, integrated solutions to the urgent operational needs of our warfighters. These initiatives include the establishment of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Task Force (JIEDD TF). The scope of the Task Force is now being expanded with a permanent organizational structure to execute the IED Defeat mission more effectively. Accordingly, effective today, I am establishing the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) as a joint entity and jointly manned activity of the Department of Defense.

The mission of the JIEDDO is to lead, advocate, and coordinate all Department actions in support of the Combatant Commanders' and their respective Joint Task Forces' efforts to defeat Improvised Explosive Devices as weapons of strategic influence. General Montgomery C. Meigs, US Army (Retired), is the Director of the JIEDDO. The Director reports directly to me and serves as my principal advisor and principal advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on IED Defeat matters.



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All authorities, responsibilities, functions, and resources previously assigned to the Director, JIEDD TF, in DoD Directive 2000.19 are now transferred to the Director, JIEDDO. Personnel in the JIEDD TF are assigned to the JIEDDO, effective immediately. Pursuant to DoD Directive 5101.1, "DoD Executive Agent," September 3, 2002, the Secretary of the Army is designated as the DoD Executive Agent to provide primary administrative support for the JIEDDO.

A key component of the JIEDDO will be a distributed Joint Center of Excellence (CoE) comprised of the Military Service combat training centers. The JIEDDO CoE will develop operational techniques and tactical procedures, and provide a venue for the integration, training, experimentation, and testing of new IED Defeat equipment and concepts. Additionally, the CoE will maintain a deployable capability to support commanders in the field.

The Director, JIEDDO, will be convening a board comprised of representatives from all the Military Services to develop the manpower requirements for the JIEDDO. The OSD Director for Administration and Management (DA&M) will develop and coordinate a chartering DoD Directive for the JIEDDO to incorporate the appropriate provisions of this memorandum and DoD Directive 2000.19. The above actions will be completed by January 31 for my authorization.

The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), in consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, will issue updated planning, programming, budgeting, and execution process guidance. These documents will begin with the current program cycle to reflect these organizational, functional, and manpower realignments and personnel requirements.

The DA&M, in coordination with the Director, JIEDDO, the Secretary of the Army, the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, and other cognizant officials, will take other actions necessary to implement this decision.

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