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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (ACQUISITION
LOGISTICS, AND TECHNOLOGY)
VICE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Designation of an Executive Agent Secretariat for the Joint Chemical and Biological Defense Program

Title 50, United States Code, subsection 1522(c)(1) designates the Army as Executive Agent for the Department of Defense (DoD) to coordinate and integrate research, development, test, and evaluation, and acquisition requirements of the military departments for the Chemical and Biological Warfare Defense Programs of the DoD. Subsection 1522(d)(4) states that all funding requirements for the chemical and biological defense program shall be reviewed by the Secretary of the Army as Executive Agent pursuant to subsection 1522(c)(1). These provisions are reiterated in Implementation Plan for the Management of the Chemical and Biological Defense Program (CBDP), approved by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, dated April 22, 2003.

In order to discharge these responsibilities efficiently, I hereby direct the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army to establish an Army Executive Agent Secretariat from existing resources and to serve as co-chairs of this organization. This organization shall prepare and obtain coordination of a written review of the CBDP Program Objective Memorandum (POM). This review shall consider the medical and non-medical aspects of the CBDP as well as the individual Military Departments' specific interests in the program. Where appropriate, the review shall propose alternatives to POM recommendations presented to the Army. Upon completion of the review process, the written review and recommended POM shall be forwarded to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics under your joint signatures.

The Executive Agent Secretariat also shall serve as the focal point for review and coordination of any other CBDP issues requiring Executive Agent input.

I anticipate that the two Executive Agent Secretariat chairs will operate by consensus. Any issues that cannot be resolved at your level shall be elevated to me for resolution.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. L. Brownlee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "R. L." being more compact and the last name "Brownlee" being more expansive and flowing.

R. L. Brownlee
Acting Secretary of the Army

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