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MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Designation of the OIG Office of Primary Responsibility for Policy Coordination
with Inspectors General Assigned to Joint Commands

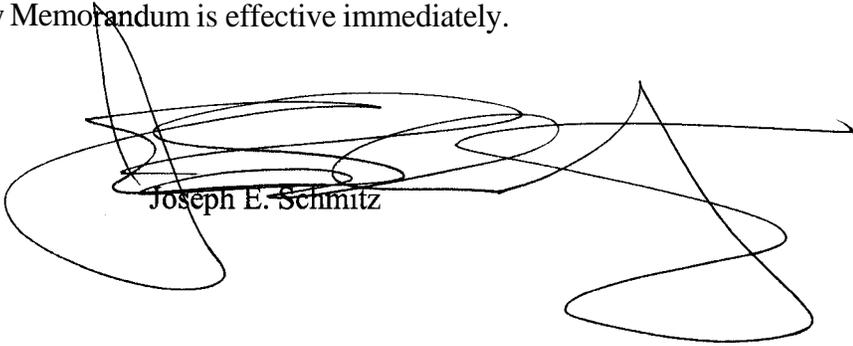
- References: (a) Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended
(b) Inspector General Policy Memorandum of April 17, 2003, "Primary
Jurisdiction Policy Memorandum"
(c) DoD 5106.4, "Inspectors General of the Unified and Specified Combatant
Commands," January 7, 1993

Purpose: To provide guidance for OIG policy coordination with Inspectors General assigned to
Joint commands, including the Unified Combatant Commands, in accordance with Reference (a)
and consistent with guidance promulgated in References (b) - (c).

Statutory Duty & Regulatory Responsibilities: Section 2(2) of Reference (a) requires the
Inspector General to "provide leadership and coordination and recommend policies for activities
designed (A) to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of, and (B)
to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in, such [DoD] programs and operations." Reference (b)
promulgates the concept of primary jurisdiction within the OIG to "ensure effective coordination
and cooperation." Reference (c) establishes the position of Inspector General at each of the U.S.
Unified Command Headquarters.

Policy: In accordance with the Inspector General's duties and responsibilities under Section 2(2)
of Reference (a), the Joint Operations Division, Inspections and Evaluations Directorate, Office
of the Deputy Inspector General for Inspections and Policy, is hereby designated as the OIG
Office of Primary Responsibility for policy coordination with the Inspectors General of Joint
commands, including the Unified Combatant Commands. This designation is intended to ensure
unity of effort in the formulation and promulgation of policy with respect to operations of the
Jointly-assigned IGs. This policy does not preclude any entity within the OIG from coordinating
directly with a Joint IG on matters falling directly within their purview in accordance with
Reference (b).

Effective Date: This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately.


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