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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP

DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

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Purpose.

[Required paragraph. Indent paragraphs at .5 inch. For subparagraphs, use the bullet structure provided on the MS Word Standard Toolbar.] In accordance with the authority of [chartering directive or law], this directive-type memorandum (DTM):

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[Required paragraph] This DTM applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this DTM as the “DoD Components”). [Modify as appropriate.]

Definitions.

[Optional paragraph.] Use if establishing new terms. See Section 9 of the DoD Issuance Style Guide for format guidance. If more than half a page OR if an acronym/abbreviation listing is used, move all terms to Glossary at end of DTM; in that case, this line would read: See Glossary.

Policy.

[Recommended paragraph]

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Attachment 1

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1. SECTION HEADING.

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a. Paragraph Heading.

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(1) Paragraph Heading.

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a. You must manually add the underline at this level. Do not subordinate paragraphs beyond this level.

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b. Paragraph Heading

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2. SECTION TITLE

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Attachment 2

TITLE

1. SECTION HEADING.

a. Paragraph Heading.

(1) Paragraph Heading.

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Glossary

Part I. Abbreviations and Acronyms

| **Acronym** | **Meaning** |
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|  | Use the table in this template to alphabetically list all acronyms used in the issuance with a row for each identified term. Add more rows as necessary. |
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Part II. Definitions

Unless otherwise noted, these terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this issuance. [Remove “unless otherwise noted” if not applicable. Delete this text.]

| **Term** | **Definition** |
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