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Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Use of Defense Attache System Aircraft (U)

- References:
- (a) DoD Instruction C-4515.9, "Utilization of Attache Aircraft (U)," June 14, 1955 (hereby canceled)
 - (b) DoD Directive C-5105.32, "Defense Attache System (U)," March 23, 1973
 - (c) DoD 4515.13-R, "Air Transportation Eligibility," January 1980, authorized by DoD Directive 4515.13, June 26, 1979
 - (d) DoD Directive 4515.12, "Department of Defense Support for Travel of Members and Employees of the Congress," December 12, 1964
 - (e) Foreign Affairs Manual, Volume 6, Section 184 (6 FAM 184), August 19, 1982

A. PURPOSE

(U) This Directive replaces reference (a) and provides policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures regarding the use of aircraft controlled and operated by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) or operated by a Military Service in support of Defense Attache System (DAS) missions assigned by reference (b).

B. APPLICABILITY

(U) This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Unified and Specified Commands, and the DIA. The term "Military Service," as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

C. POLICY

1. (U) It is the policy of the Department of Defense to provide appropriately configured aircraft for selected Defense Attache Offices to enable attaches to accomplish missions assigned them by reference (b).
2. (U) It is the policy of the Department of Defense to encourage a cooperative relationship between the Defense Attache Office and U.S. embassy

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personnel regarding flight operations. Periodic participation by the ambassador and his staff on DAS missions is authorized

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Limited travel by specified non-DoD personnel aboard DAS aircraft shall be authorized as prescribed in DoD 4515.13-R (reference (c)) and this Directive.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. (U) The Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering shall monitor compliance with this Directive.

2. (U) The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Installations, and Logistics) (ASD(MI&L)) shall review and authorize:

a. (U) Requests for airlift not specifically covered under reference (c), DoD Directive 4515.12 (reference (d)), or this Directive.

b. (U) Requests for airlift forwarded by non-DoD U.S. Government agencies in accordance with 6 FAM 184 (reference (e)).

3. (U) The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs) (ASD(LA)) shall:

a. (U) Review and authorize requests from members of Congress for military airlift in accordance with reference (d).

b. (U) Coordinate with the Director, DIA, when airlift support requested by Congress potentially involves DAS aircraft.

4. (U) The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) (ASD(PA)) shall review and approve requests for nonlocal public affairs travel in accordance with Chapter 8, "Public Affairs Travel," of reference (c).

5. (U) The Secretary of the Air Force shall:

a. (U) Provide for the loan and operational support of DAS aircraft.

b. (U) Develop and administer a logistic support plan for DAS aircraft.

6. (U) The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, shall:

a. (U) Maintain operational control of DAS aircraft.

b. (U) Publish regulatory guidance for operating DAS aircraft.

E. PROCEDURES

1. (U) Passenger Eligibility on DAS Aircraft

a. (U) Passenger eligibility on DAS aircraft shall be as prescribed in reference (c) and this Directive.

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Specific travel requests may be denied if, in the judgment of the Defense Attache, such travel might detract from (b)(1) or otherwise interfere with accomplishment of the DoD mission.

2. (U) Nonreimbursable Airlift on DAS Aircraft

a. (c) The Director, DIA, or designee, may authorize nonreimbursable airlift for non-DoD U.S. Government officials (b)(1) (b)(1) if travel requested is in direct support of DoD (b)(1) interests.

b. (U) The Defense Attache may approve space-available nonreimbursable transportation on DoD missions for persons listed below:

(1) (U) DoD personnel and their dependents authorized to travel in accordance with DoD 4515.13-R (reference (c)).

(2) (U) U.S. diplomatic Chiefs of Mission, key members of their staff, and other non-DoD U.S. Government officials when travel is certified by the Defense Attache as being in support of the official DoD mission.

(3) (U) Civilian and military foreign nationals when their travel has been determined by the Defense Attache to be in support of the DoD mission.

(4) (U) Spouses of the following officials when their travel is certified by the Defense Attache or the Chief of Mission to be in direct support of the DoD mission.

(a) (U) Defense Attaches, Military Service Attaches, and Assistant Military Service Attaches.

(b) (U) Chief and Assistant Chief of the U.S. Security Assistance Office, assigned section chiefs of each Military Service, and the Senior Marine Advisor.

(c) (U) Chief and Deputy Chief of the U.S. diplomatic mission.

(d) (U) Civilian and military foreign nationals in subparagraph E.2.b.(3), above.

(5) (U) Contractor representatives when travel is required to perform maintenance services on the DAS aircraft under the current DAS aircraft maintenance contract.

3. (U) Reimbursable Airlift on DAS Aircraft. The Defense Attache may approve reimbursable airlift for non-DoD U.S. officials provided the Chief of Mission certifies that such travel is required to conduct official U.S. Government business. The Chief of Mission also shall certify that commercial

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transportation either is not available or, for reasons that shall be specified, is not capable of satisfying the requirement. Such airlift shall be reimbursable on a passenger-mile (or per-seat) basis.

4. (U) Special-Assignment Airlift Mission

a. (U) Special-assignment airlift missions (requiring dedicated use of the aircraft) may be approved by the Director, DIA, for non-DoD U.S. Government agencies to conduct official U.S. Government business in countries where the Defense Attache is resident or accredited or provides regional support. The Chief of Mission shall certify that the requested travel is required to conduct official U.S. Government business and that commercial transportation either is not available or, for reasons that shall be specified, is not capable of satisfying the requirement. Such airlift shall be reimbursable on a flight-hour (or "charter" flight) basis.


b. (U) DAS aircraft support for members and employees of Congress shall be in accordance with DoD Directive 4515.12 (reference (d)). If congressional committee members, while abroad, request travel in DAS aircraft, such travel may be approved by the Defense Attache if commercial facilities are not feasible, use of the DAS aircraft will not interfere with its normally assigned mission, and the purpose of the trip has been certified by the ASD(LA) as being of primary interest to the Department of Defense. A report of each trip so authorized and flown in DAS aircraft shall be made to the sponsoring Military Department by the Defense Attache Office concerned. The report shall indicate the names of passengers carried and the duration, destination, and specific purpose of the trip.

c. (U) DAS aircraft special-assignment airlift support for the ASD(PA) shall be in accordance with Chapter 8, "Public Affairs Travel," of DoD 4515.13-R (reference (c)).

d. (U) Non-DoD special-assignment airlift requests, other than ambassadorial and congressional support addressed above, shall be authorized by the ASD(MI&L). Airlift request procedures to be followed by non-DoD U.S. Government agencies (such as the State Department and the Agency for International Development) are established in 6 FAM 184 (reference (e)). Following ASD(MI&L) authorization, the Director, DIA, or designee, shall determine DAS aircraft availability and approve the airlift if requested support can be provided without interfering with the DoD mission.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

(U) This Directive is effective immediately. Forward two copies of implementing documents to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering within 120 days.


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