

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR Secretaries of the Military Departments
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director of Defense Research and Engineering
Assistant Secretaries of Defense
General Counsel
Director of Telecommunications and Command
and Control Systems
Assistants to the Secretary of Defense
Directors of Defense Agencies

SUBJECT: Liaison Between the Department of Defense and
the White House

The President has set forth procedures for communication between the White House and the Department of Defense. I wish to stress the importance I place upon strictly following these procedures. The following guidelines will govern the Department's liaison with the Executive Office of the President:

On issues directly involving national security policy, the only channels of communications with the White House will be through me, the Deputy Secretaries of Defense or my Military Assistant.

On all other matters - those not directly involving national security policy - all communication between the White House and the Department of Defense will be through me, the Deputy Secretaries of Defense or the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretaries of Defense.

Any exceptions to the foregoing must be authorized by me, the Deputy Secretaries of Defense or by my Special Assistant.

This memorandum supersedes all previous memoranda on the same subject.

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