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To: Secretary of Defense  
Fr: Gordon England  
Subj: Review of Service and Joint Directives  
(Your Memo of January 26, 2005)

Mr. Secretary,

The Department of the Navy started a similar review of SECNAV directives, OPNAV directives and Marine Corps Orders last August (2004).

Our scorecard to date:

- 161 of 555 SECNAV directives have been cancelled.
- 69 certified as still current, applicable and accurate.
- 80 identified for delegation to a lower level in DON (push authority down).
- 89 to be consolidated and in work.
- 156 being updated.

Completion of SECNAV instructions this October. OPNAV and Marine Corps directives dependent on DOD and SECNAV so their effort still at the beginning and too early to know final completion date.



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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Review of Service and Joint Directives

In recent years, we have adopted significant changes in DoD, Service, and Joint Staff policies, programs, missions, organizations, and responsibilities. World events, current and emerging threats, and evolving technologies have all helped drive these changes. Additionally, the October 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) assessed key defense issues to redefine our future plans and strategies. Accordingly, we must be timely in the codification of policy in the directives, regulations, and instructions we publish to guide the Department through these changing times.

At my direction, OSD Components conducted a comprehensive review of DoD Directives to ensure that they are current with today's defense posture. Of 653 DoD Directives, 259 were certified as current, 317 required revision, and 77 will be cancelled. A sample review of your directives, regulations and instructions indicates your Service and Joint Staff directives require a similar review. In selected functional areas, most of your policy level issuances are older than two years; the standard we established for periodic reviews of our DoD Directives.

Therefore, I request that you conduct a thorough review of your publications to ensure that they are current with Service and Joint Staff guidance and are consistent with their counterpart DoD Directives. While your prioritization of effort should focus on publications older than two years, particular attention must be given those that predate the 2001 QDR.

As DoD Directives are revised or cancelled, these changes will be posted on the following web site: <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives>. I direct your attention to this web site because revisions and cancellations of DoD Directives may guide your prioritization of effort. Please provide me an assessment of your policy level publications by March 1, 2005 to include your plan of action.

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