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SUBJECT: Intelligence Oversight Policy Guidance

The Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Oversight (ATSD(IO)) is coordinating a revision of DoD 5240.1-R, the first since its original publication in 1982. For the purposes of updating Intelligence Oversight guidelines, this revision will include changes to the organizational structure of Defense Intelligence that have occurred since then. It will also update Intelligence Oversight authorities within the OSD staff and recognize approval authorities in the Combatant Commands necessary to the efficient exercise of intelligence functions and conduct of Intelligence Oversight. The purpose of this memorandum is to expedite implementation of these changes until publication of the revised regulation. This memorandum will expire on 1 September 2013.

Effective immediately, the authorities specifically delegated to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy in chapters 2, 6, 9, 10, and 11 of DoD 5240.1-R are transferred to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. The offices and staffs of the senior intelligence officers (SIO) of the Combatant Command Headquarters are designated as Defense Intelligence Components. Those SIOs are granted the authorities and responsibilities documented in the existing regulation for SIOs as heads of Defense Intelligence Components, and included as approval officials in paragraphs C6.3.3 and CI0:3.2.2.

The ATSD(IO) is designated as the Office of Primary Responsibility for DoD 5240.1-R and the principal coordinating official for submission of requests to

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change the regulation, or to solicit exceptions to policy or procedure established therein. The ATSD(IO) will incorporate the interim policy changes established by this memorandum in the revision of DoD 5240.1-R, along with any other administrative modifications or clarifications necessary to address current practice and authorities in the Defense Intelligence Components.