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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense

The Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 establishes the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense (ASD(HD)). The Assistant Secretary shall have as his principal duty the overall supervision of the homeland defense activities of the Department under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. The Secretary of the Army, in his role as Interim DoD Executive Agent for Homeland Security, remains responsible for these activities pending appointment of the new Assistant Secretary.

In coordination with the OSD Director of Administration and Management, the General Counsel of the Department of Defense and other cognizant officials, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy will take the lead to propose an organizational structure with the requested manpower authorizations for the office of the ASD(HD). The Deputy Secretary will issue specific guidance regarding the transfer of program responsibilities and the financial, personnel and space resourcing for this office.



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