

CHAPTER 7

RECOMMENDATIONS

7-1. GENERAL: The assignment recommendations of the study are based on current mission, doctrine and resource considerations for near term implementation to comply with the DOD Reorganization Act of 1986. As missions, doctrine and resource considerations change, future changes in the assignment of the OCONUS elements of CONUS based organizations will occur. Although the purpose of the study was to determine which elements of CONUS based Army organizations operating OCONUS should be assigned to and under the command of the unified commander of a geographic area or excepted from such assignment by the Secretary of Defense, related recommendations, which should be considered by the Army in conjunction with the assignment decisions were developed as a result of the study.

7-2. ASSIGNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. RECOMMENDATION 1: Recommend that the Secretary of Defense except the OCONUS subordinate elements of the following organizations from assignment to and command by the unified combatant commander of a geographic area on the basis, among other reasons, that the organizations perform functions of the Secretary of the Army listed in Section 3013(b), Title 10, US Code (Title 10 function subparagraph reference in parenthesis):

- US Army Strategic Defense Command (4).
- US Army Audit Agency (9).
- US Army Legal Services Agency (9).
- US Army Medical Research and Development Command (4).
- US Army Recruiting Command (1).
- US Army Community and Family Support Center (9).
- US Army Military Personnel Center (9).
- US Army Civilian Appellate Review Agency (9).
- US Army Research Institute (4).
- US Army Troop Support Agency (3).
- US Army Training and Doctrine Command (5).
- US Army Materiel Command (3,4,10,11)*.
- US Army Corps of Engineers (12).
- US Army Criminal Investigation Command (9).
- US Army Health Services Command (6).

*Except Central Ammunition Management Office - Pacific (CAMO-PAC)

b. RECOMMENDATION 2: Recommend that the Secretary of Defense except the OCONUS subordinate elements of the US Army Information Systems Command from assignment to and command by the unified combatant commander of a geographic area on the basis of economy-of-scale and world-wide efficient management and interoperability of the Defense Communications System.

c. RECOMMENDATION 3: Recommend that the Secretary of Defense except the following OCONUS subordinate elements of the US Army Intelligence and Security Command (USAINSCOM) from assignment to and command by the unified combatant commander of a geographic area on the basis, among other reasons, that the organizations perform functions of the Secretary of the **Army** listed in Section 3013(b), Title 10, US Code (Title 10 function subparagraph reference in parenthesis):

- US Army Russian Institute (5).
- USAINSCOM Foreign Language Training Center - Europe (5).

d. RECOMMENDATION 4: Recommend that the Secretary of Defense except the OCONUS elements of the following US Army Intelligence and Security Command (USAINSCOM) organizations from assignment to and command by the unified combatant commander of a geographic area on the basis of other statutory and oversight requirements, economy-of-scale considerations, and Section 3013(c)(7), Title 10, US Code, which states that the Secretary of the Army is responsible to the Secretary of Defense for the effective supervision and control of the intelligence activities of the Department of the Army:

- Fixed site SIGINT facilities and related organizations.
- Echelon Above Corps (EAC) Military Intelligence brigades/groups.
- US Army Operational Group.
- US Army Foreign Counterintelligence Activity.
- US Army Field Support Center.
- Military Intelligence Battalion (Low Intensity).

e. RECOMMENDATION 5: Recommend that the Secretary of Defense except the OCONUS detachments of the US Army Special Security Group (USASSG) which primarily support the US Army Intelligence and Security Command (USAINSCOM) subordinate organizations and other US Government and international agencies from assignment to and command by the unified combatant commander of a geographic area on the basis that the detachments perform no wartime mission in support of the unified combatant commander, support organizations which are outside the command structure of the unified combatant command and other unique classified mission considerations.

f. RECOMMENDATION 6: Recommend that the Central Ammunition Management Office - Pacific of the US Army Materiel Command be considered for reassignment to and under the command of the US Army Western Command (or the US Army Pacific when it is activated).

g. RECOMMENDATION 7: Recommend that the detachments of the US Army Special Security Group (USASSG) which support Army component commands of unified commands and are located within the geographic area of a unified combatant commander be considered for assignment to and under the command of the supported command.

7-3. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. RECOMMENDATION 8: Recommend that the Army take the following actions to control OCONUS elements of CONUS based organizations operating in the geographic area of a unified combatant commander:

(1) RECOMMENDATION 8a: In coordination with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, establish, by regulation, a procedure to evaluate and request exception from the Secretary of Defense for Army organizations which may, in the future, be stationed in the geographic area of a unified combatant commander and not assigned to or commanded by the Army component commander or the unified combatant commander.

(2) RECOMMENDATION 8b: Establish, by regulation, the requirement for CONUS based organizations to coordinate with the US Army component command within the geographic area of a unified combatant commander the establishment of and changes to OCONUS elements operating within the geographic area of the US Army component command.

(3) RECOMMENDATION 8c: Establish, by regulation a reporting procedure which would require a periodic report to the US Army component command within the geographic area of a unified combatant commander by a CONUS based organization providing a status update of the OCONUS elements operating within the geographic area of the US Army component command.

b. RECOMMENDATION 9: Recommend that the Army, in coordination with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, request clarification of the DOD Reorganization Act of 1986 concerning the assignment and exception of Army forces which perform Secretary of the Army functions listed in the Act and are located within the geographic area of a unified combatant commander, particularly in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and other US territories and possessions.

c. RECOMMENDATION 10: Recommend that the Army, in coordination with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, request a clarification of the DOD Reorganization Act of 1986 which would authorize the Secretary of Defense to exempt organizations located in CONUS and mainland Alaska (including the islands which are not part of a unified command) which do not perform Secretary of the Army functions, such as the US Army Information Systems Command and the US Army Intelligence and Security Command, from assignment to a unified or specified combatant commander.

d. RECOMMENDATION 11: Recommend that the Army revise doctrinal literature regarding command and control relationships based on the DOD Reorganization Act of 1986 after the Act is clarified as to the status of intelligence and communication organizations and the Secretary of Defense has made the assignment of forces decisions based on the Act.