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(12) Promptly review military commission records of trial for administrative completeness and determine appropriate disposition, either transmitting the record of trial to the Review Panel or returning it to the military commission for any necessary supplementary proceedings.

(13) Implement directions of officials with final decision-making authority for sentences.

(14) Perform supervisory and performance evaluation duties pursuant to this part and DoD Military Commission Instruction No. 6.

(15) Coordinate matters involving members of the Congress, including correspondence, with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs; and coordinate and exchange data and information with other OSD officials, the Heads of the DoD Components, and other Federal officials having collateral or related functions.

(16) Establish, maintain, and preserve records that serve as evidence of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, and other activities of the Office of the Appointing Authority for Military Commissions in accordance with Title 44 U.S.C.

(17) Perform such other functions as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

(b) The General Counsel of the Department of Defense shall:

(1) Review and approve such regulations, instructions, memoranda, and other DoD publications prepared by the Appointing Authority (see § 18.6(c)) for the conduct of proceedings by military commissions established pursuant to Military Order of November 13, 2001 and DoD Military Commission Order No. 1.

(2) Provide guidance and issue instructions necessary to facilitate the conduct of proceedings by military commissions established pursuant to Military Order of November 13, 2001 and DoD Military Commission Order No. 1, including but not limited to instructions pertaining to military commission-related offices, performance evaluations and reporting relationships.

(c) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the OSD Principal Staff Assistants shall exercise their designated authorities and responsibilities

as established by law or DoD guidance to support the Appointing Authority for Military Commissions in the implementation of the responsibilities and functions specified herein.

(d) The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall support the personnel requirements of the Appointing Authority as validated by the General Counsel of the Department of Defense and provide other requested assistance and support within their capabilities.

§ 18.5 Relationships.

(a) In the performance of assigned functions and responsibilities, the Appointing Authority for Military Commissions shall:

(1) Report directly to the Secretary of Defense.

(2) Use existing facilities and services of the Department of Defense and other Federal Agencies, whenever practicable, to avoid duplication and to achieve an appropriate level of efficiency and economy.

(b) Other OSD officials and the Heads of the DoD Components shall coordinate with the Appointing Authority for Military Commissions on all matters related to the responsibilities and functions cited in § 18.4.

(c) Nothing herein shall be interpreted to subsume or replace the responsibilities, functions, or authorities of the OSD Principal Staff Assistants, the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Commanders of Combatant Commands, or the Heads of Defense Agencies or the Department of Defense Field Activities prescribed by law or Department of Defense guidance.

§ 18.6 Authorities.

The Appointing Authority for Military Commissions is hereby delegated authority to:

(a) Obtain reports and information, consistent with DoD Directive 8910.1 as necessary to carry out assigned functions.

(b) Communicate directly with the Heads of the DoD Components as necessary to carry out assigned functions, including the transmission of requests for advice and assistance. Communications to the Military Departments

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shall be transmitted through the Secretaries of the Military Departments, their designees, or as otherwise provided in law or directed by the Secretary of Defense in other Department of Defense issuances. Communications to the Commanders of the Combatant Commands, except in unusual circumstances, shall be transmitted through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(c) Subject to the approval of the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, issue DoD Publications and one-time directive-type memoranda consistent with DoD 5025.1-M; Military Commission Instructions consistent with DoD Military Commission Instruction No. 1; and such other regulations as are necessary or appropriate

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for the conduct of proceedings by military commissions established pursuant to Military Order of November 13, 2001 and DoD Military Commission Order No. 1. Instructions to the Military Departments shall be issued through the Secretaries of the Military Departments. Instructions to the Combatant Commands, except in unusual circumstances, shall be communicated through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(d) Communicate with other Government officials, representatives of the Legislative Branch, members of the public, and representatives of foreign governments, as applicable, in carrying out assigned functions.

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