MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Acquisition Logistics Functional Transfer

For the past four years, we have been increasing the integration of logistics with acquisition. Specifically, the Section 912 studies and the DoD 5000 series guidance were examples of a more seamless process for both acquisition and sustainment of major weapon systems. However, all the aspects of this integration remain fragmented within USD(AT&L).

Effective July 31, 2000, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics) will be responsible for acquisition logistics policy and acquisition logistics career development requirements. This is in addition to the responsibility for logistics and supportability assessment oversight, including Defense Acquisition Executive Summary (DAES) assessments, which was transferred to DUSD(L) in August 1999 when Director, Test, Systems Engineering, and Evaluation was disestablished.

In response to my direction, the following transition plan has been developed:

- Identify personnel resources within DUSD(L) to assume responsibilities
- Meet with Director, Strategic & Tactical Systems to transfer files and related documentation
- Meet with Director, Interoperability to transfer files and related documentation
- Develop Best Practices and Pitfalls Guidelines for Acquisition Logistics
- Coordinate with each DAES program office to review Program Support Concepts
- Develop organization alternatives for the next administration

Downstream implications of major weapon systems must be assessed to ensure alternate product support concepts are fully considered and the integration of acquisition and logistics are realized. These new responsibilities will require support and cooperation among Interoperability, Strategic and Tactical Systems, and Acquisition Resources and Analysis through the transition. I expect those offices transferring functions to support the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics) by providing functional skill set expertise and assistance when needed to facilitate this transition.

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