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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE  
CHIEFS OF THE MILITARY SERVICES  
DIRECTOR, COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION  
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DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Review of the Uniform Code of Military Justice

As proposed by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the other members of the Joint Chiefs, I direct the General Counsel to conduct a comprehensive review of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and the military justice system with support from military justice experts provided by the Services.

Such a comprehensive review is appropriate given the many amendments to the UCMJ since the Military Justice Act of 1983 and to the Manual for Courts-Martial (MCM) since 1984. The review should include an analysis of not only the UCMJ, but also its implementation through the MCM and Service regulations. The review should consider any report and recommendations issued by the Response Systems Panel. I direct that a report including a recommendation for any appropriate amendments to the UCMJ be submitted within 12 months and that a second report recommending any appropriate amendments to the MCM be submitted within 18 months. The General Counsel will submit an Issue Nomination to the Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, describing the additional resources necessary for this review.

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