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SUBJECT: Federal Legal Information Through Electronics (FLITE) and the Defense Emergency Authorities Retrieval and Analysis System (DEARAS)

References: (a) DoD Directive 5160.64, "Federal Legal Information Through Electronics (FLITE)," October 9, 1974 (hereby canceled)
(b) DoD Directive 7920.1, "Life-Cycle Management of Automated Information Systems (AISs)," June 20, 1988
(c) Section 1535 of title 31, United States Code

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a) to:

- 1.1. Continue authorization for the operation of the FLITE system.
- 1.2. Establish and authorize the operation of the DEARAS.
- 1.3. Establish DoD policy and assign responsibilities for administering the FLITE and the DEARAS.
- 1.4. Designate the Secretary of the Air Force as the DoD Executive Agent for operation, maintenance, and continuous development of the FLITE and the DEARAS.

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Unified and Specified Commands, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. Defense Emergency Authorities Retrieval and Analysis System (DEARAS). A full-text portable, computer-assisted legal research system operated by the Air Force as Executive Agent for the Department of Defense. The database is focused on legal authorities related to national emergencies. It is distributed to users for use with portable computers. The DEARAS replaces the biennially published "Digest of War and Emergency Legislation" originally established in 1953 by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative and Public Affairs.

3.2. Federal Legal Information Through Electronics (FLITE). A full-text computer-assisted legal research system with on-line research capability operated by the Air Force as Executive Agent for the Department of Defense. The database contains the full text of Federal legal authorities including statutes, regulations, treaties, court decisions, and administrative decisions. It is maintained on a mainframe computer accessed from remote sites through telecommunications.

4. POLICY

It is DoD policy to provide routine and emergency legal support functions through the development and maintenance of FLITE and DEARAS automated data processing services and capabilities.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The General Counsel of the Department of Defense shall:

5.1.1. Provide policy guidance and general direction for the content, applications, and development of FLITE and legal databases.

5.1.2. Provide legal guidance, advice, and assistance to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy as to the content and development of the DEARAS legal databases.

5.1.3. Review legal databases for the DEARAS and obtain the support of principal legal offices of the DoD Components in sending recommendations and documents for input into DEARAS databases.

5.2. The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy shall:

5.2.1. Provide policy guidance and general direction for the content, applications, and development of the DEARAS.

5.2.2. As appropriate, provide input on the DEARAS to the *General Counsel of the Department of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force*.

5.3. The Heads of the DoD Components shall:

5.3.1. Assist in the operation of the FLITE and the DEARAS as indicated in this Directive.

5.3.2. Provide input to the DEARAS database as required in subparagraph E1.1.4.5. of the enclosure.

5.3.3. Provide a point of contact for the FLITE system and the DEARAS.

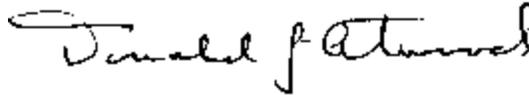
5.4. The Secretary of the Air Force shall administer and manage the FLITE and the DEARAS in accordance with DoD Directive 7920.1 (reference (b)).

6. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The reporting requirement contained in the enclosure to this Directive is assigned Report Control Symbol DD-GC(AR)1846.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective immediately. Forward two copies of implementing documents to the General Counsel of the Department of Defense within 120 days.



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Enclosures - 1

E1. Administration and Financing of the FLITE and the DEARAS

E1. ENCLOSURE 1

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCING OF THE FLITE AND THE DEARAS

E1.1. ADMINISTRATION

E1.1.1. The Air Force Legal Information Services Directorate (AF/JAS) of the Air Force Legal Services Center shall administer the FLITE and the DEARAS.

E1.1.2. FLITE requirements (using available software products) include:

E1.1.2.1. Creation and maintenance of databases of legal information, including statutes, regulations, court decisions, administrative opinions, secondary sources, and other information useful in supporting legal work and work in related fields, such as personnel and contracting.

E1.1.2.2. Creation and maintenance of an on-line interactive search capability to access such databases.

E1.1.2.3. Full-text search and retrieval services of all established computer databases.

E1.1.2.4. Production and distribution of computer-generated research aids, such as key word in context indexes and compilations of legal materials.

E1.1.3. Using available software products, DEARAS requirements include:

E1.1.3.1. Creation and maintenance of full-text databases containing relevant information to facilitate informed decision-making during mobilization, national emergencies, war, and other events having an impact on the national security.

E1.1.3.2. Creation and maintenance of an interactive search capability for access to such databases during any level of emergency conditions using portable microcomputers with stand alone databases.

E1.1.3.3. Production and maintenance of appropriate portable data storage media that can be distributed to provide stand-alone databases for portable computer systems.

E1.1.4. In the administration of the DEARAS, the AF/JAS shall:

E1.1.4.1. Implement the DEARAS databases.

E1.1.4.2. Select and acquire an initial quantity of DEARAS work stations, including hardware and software, and order additional quantities, as requested, on receipt of funds from the requesting agency.

E1.1.4.3. Provide to the DoD Components technical instructions, advice, and assistance for their use of the DEARAS.

E1.1.4.4. Maintain, update, and distribute the principal DEARAS database at least once every 2 years.

E1.1.4.5. Issue regular calls to the DoD Components for data essential to ensure that the DEARAS contains, to the extent possible, a current and complete compilation of the legal authorities that may be essential for the continuity of DoD operations in national emergencies.

E1.1.5. The AF/JAS shall ensure that the FLITE and the DEARAS are developed in accordance with DoD Directive 7920.1 (reference (b)).

E1.1.6. When a DoD Component is responsible for legal materials that are to be included in a FLITE or DEARAS database and it has the information on magnetic media readable by a computer, it shall provide the magnetic form or any preferred format recommended by the AF/JAS to reduce costs and increase accuracy of the databases.

E1.2. FINANCING

E1.2.1. Commissioned officers and enlisted personnel from the Military Departments, augmented by qualified civilian personnel of the Air Force, may be assigned, as appropriate, to the AF/JAS and/or the OSD for administration of the FLITE and the DEARAS.

E1.2.2. Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs E1.2.3. through E1.2.6., below, the Department of the Air Force shall be responsible for programming, budgeting, and financing all expenses incidental to maintaining the FLITE and DEARAS databases.

E1.2.3. The pay, allowances (including subsistence), and the permanent change of station travel costs of military personnel assigned to the staff dedicated to the administration of the FLITE and the DEARAS shall be borne by the DoD Component from which assigned.

E1.2.4. The AF/JAS may set reasonable fees, as necessary, to cover computer processing and communications costs for search services to be provided to DoD users. Search services may also be provided to non-DoD Federal users; if provided, they shall be provided on a reimbursement basis in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1535 (reference (c)).

E1.2.5. Acquisition of an initial quantity of DEARAS work stations, including hardware and software, was funded by the Department of Defense. Additional quantities will be ordered by the AF/JAS on receipt of funds from the requesting Agency. Alternately, users may order compatible work stations independently.

E1.2.6. If any Agency wants to add information to the FLITE or DEARAS databases that is primarily useful only to that Agency, the AF/JAS may set reasonable fees, as necessary, to cover the costs of creating, updating, and maintaining such additions.

E1.2.7. Amounts received by the AF/JAS, as reimbursement for services provided under this Directive, shall be credited to the appropriation of funds against which charges have been made pursuant to providing the services.