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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP (SEE DISTRIBUTION)  
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS  
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy

Section 138(b) of title 10, U.S. Code, as amended by the United States Space Force Act (Subtitle D of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2020 (Public Law 116-92)), established the position of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy (ASD(SP)). Through this memorandum, I am implementing the establishment of the ASD(SP), and establishing the Office of the ASD(OASD) for SP.

The ASD(SP) will be the senior official responsible for the overall supervision of DoD policy for space warfighting. The ASD(SP) will be under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)). The principal responsibilities of the ASD(SP) will be those identified in the attachment. The USD(P) will ensure that space policy is integrated within the overall DoD-wide policies under the USD(P)'s purview.

Effective immediately, the resources and manpower of the Office of the Deputy ASD for SP will transfer to the OASD(SP). The USD(P), in coordination with the Chief Management Officer (CMO) of the DoD and the USD (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer (USD(C)/CFO), will prepare a plan for the validated manpower and budget requirements for a fully resourced OASD(SP) for inclusion in the next program and budget cycle. The USD(P) will work with the CMO and the USD(C)/CFO to address any near-term year-of-execution manpower and budget requirements.

Additionally, I am designating Mr. Justin Johnson as the official performing the duties of the ASD(SP) until such time as an individual is nominated by the President, confirmed by the Senate, and appointed to the position. When performing the duties of the ASD(SP), Mr. Johnson should not use the title or assume the role of Acting ASD(SP). The USD(P) may prescribe an order of succession for the ASD(SP) after the date of this memorandum. Further, I am designating Mr. Gregory Pejic as the official performing the duties of the Principal Deputy ASD(SP) until such time as an individual is appointed to the position.

The CMO, in coordination with the USD(P), shall prepare an ASD(SP) Chartering Directive for my review and approval within 180 days.

The point of contact for this action is Mr. Jeff Eanes, at (703) 692-3298 or [jeffrey.w.eanes.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jeffrey.w.eanes.civ@mail.mil).

Attachment:  
As stated



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## **RESPONSIBILITIES, FUNCTIONS, AND AUTHORITIES OF THE ASD(SP)**

The ASD(SP):

- a. Represents the Secretary of Defense and the USD(P) in interagency policy deliberations and international discussions and negotiations relating to space.
- b. Participates in planning, programming, budgeting, and execution activities, including advising the Secretary of Defense, through the USD(P), on DoD program and budget priorities for space.
- c. Provides overall supervision of policy of the DoD for space warfighting, pursuant to Section 138 of Title 10, U.S.C.
- d. Develops, coordinates, and oversees implementation of DoD policy derived from, or developed consistent with, relevant national and DoD policy-related documents, including the National Space Policy, the National Space Strategy, and the Defense Space Strategy.
- e. Analyzes, develops, coordinates, and oversees implementation of U.S. Government and DoD policy and guidance for DoD activities in space.
- f. Formulates DoD policy and guidance on:
  - (1) Space forces, systems, and their employment.
  - (2) International agreements and legal regimes, including arms control and transparency and confidence-building measures affecting space activities.
  - (3) Integration of space capabilities into operations and contingency plans.
  - (4) Space cooperation with foreign defense departments, ministries, and governments.
- g. Reviews, evaluates, and coordinates assigned space and space-related DoD Special Access Program activities, programs, plans, and systems requirements, and provides recommendations on such activities to the Secretary of Defense and the USD(P).
- h. Oversees the implementation of DoD strategy and plans related to space forces, systems, and activities.
- i. Reviews and evaluates space and space-related programs, plans, and systems requirements.
- j. Oversees the management of the cadre of space professionals within DoD, in accordance with DoD Directive 3100.16.
- k. Performs other duties the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the USD(P) may prescribe.