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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Requirement for Legislative
Coordination and Clearance

Under OMB Circular A-19, the Department of Defense (DoD) is required to clear with OMB official recommendations on legislation before providing them to the Congress. This requirement encompasses departmental documents that propose statutory language, comments on legislation, or suggest a need for changes in the law.

During the past few months several DoD components have transmitted official recommendations on legislation to the Congress without OMB clearance. I am therefore reiterating guidance concerning this policy and implementing directives.

All components must submit drafts of the following documents to the DoD Office of Legislative Counsel for departmental coordination and transmittal to OMB for interagency coordination and clearance: legislative proposals; views letters on pending legislation; and any congressional reports, testimony, responses to questions for the record, or other official correspondence setting forth views, positions, or recommendations on proposed or pending legislation.

Persons with questions about these procedures should consult the Legislative Counsel, Mr. Christian Marrone, at 703-697-1305.


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