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DEFCON V	-	Normal Readiness Posture
DEFCON IV	-	Increased Intell. Watch
DEFCON III	-	Increased Readiness Posture
DEFCON II	-	Further Increased Deployments
DEFCON I	-	Maximum Readiness Posture

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Subject: Uniform System of Progressive Alert Procedures (U)

Refs: (a) JCSM-456-63 (NOTAL); (b) SM-600-63 (NOTAL); (c)

SM-833-59 (NOTAL); and (d) SM-835-59 (NOTAL).

1. Pending revision of references, the following supplemental guidance will apply:

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b. Upon declaration of DEFCON 1 [REDACTED] the

JCS, or their representative, will request that the President join a conference with the Secretary of Defense and JCS to review the situation and to consider recommendations regarding immediate actions to be taken, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This discussion may take the form of a telephone conference including the commanders of the unified and specified commands.

2. Such portions of the references as are in conflict with the foregoing will be disregarded pending revision.

3. The foregoing provisions are effective 48 hours after DTG this message. Supporting procedures and plans will be revised to conform. Gp-3.

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CHAPTER FOUR - PREPARATORY PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Authentication

The Telephone Authentication System (KAA-37) of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will be used to authenticate voice transmission of EAP messages, except in cases where special authentication is specified herein. The Authentication Systems (KAA-50) (KAA-51) will be used to authenticate in the latter cases. The KAA-TX-50 is an exercise authenticator designed to be used in place of the KAA-50 during exercises and tests established by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The National Security Agency prepares and distributes these systems.

2. Preparatory Responsibilities

a. Principals of the emergency conferences of the Joint Chiefs of Staff within the Washington area will cause the National Military Command Center (NMCC) to be informed of their normal arrival in and departure from their offices during duty hours, and their whereabouts when absent from quarters during non-duty hours.

b. The Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, when away from their offices and residences, may contact the NMCC by dialing Defense 1-2345. (This number should be treated as CONFIDENTIAL and disseminated on a need-to-know basis.)

c. The Director for Operations will cause to be published information and instructions on the use of quarters emergency telephones, to include the answering of emergency telephones, by household members in the absence of conference participants.

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3. Tasks

a. The commanders of unified and specified commands will, when declaring a Defense Emergency, an Air Defense Emergency, or DEPCON 1, 2 or 3, notify the Joint Chiefs of Staff via the NMCC by the fastest voice (reverse Joint Chiefs of Staff Alerting Network (JCSAN)) and teletype (EMATS) communications available. The initial notification should include a brief statement, security permitting, of the situation causing the declaration. The commander declaring the condition will be prepared to provide additional details to the Joint Chiefs of Staff via telephone (secure, if appropriate) upon request. As soon as practical after the initial notification, the declaration will be confirmed and a more detailed situation report submitted by the declaring authority via EMATS or other classified teletype means to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and to other commanders of unified and specified commands.

b. Commanders of unified and specified commands will, as practicable, advise the Joint Chiefs of Staff of their intention to change the DEPCON status of their forces and when a change in DEPCON has been attained.

4. Declaration Authority

a. Defense Emergency or Air Defense Emergency. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, the commanders of unified and specified commands (except CINCONAD), or a higher authority, are authorized to declare a Defense Emergency. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, CINCNORAD, or higher authority, may declare "Air Defense Emergency" and specify "Air Defense Warning WHITE," "Air Defense Warning YELLOW," or "Air Defense Warning RED." In addition, CINCONAD is authorized to declare "Air Defense Emergency" and to specify "Air Defense Warning WHITE," "Air Defense Warning YELLOW" or "Air Defense Warning RED" in the event that unilateral US action is deemed appropriate.

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b. DEFCONS 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, the commanders of unified and specified commands, CINCPAC, or a higher authority, are authorized to declare DEFCONS 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. A declaration of a DEFCON by the Joint Chiefs of Staff will be effective for all unified and specified commands and PAC, unless otherwise directed.

