SUBJECT: Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (PDUSD(P))

References: (a) Title 10, United States Code
(b) Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, “Delegations of Authority,” November 30, 2006
(c) DoD Directive 5111.3, “Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (PDUSD(P)),” December 8, 1999 (hereby canceled)

1. PURPOSE. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense under section 113 of Reference (a) and the delegation of authority under Reference (b), this Directive reissues Reference (c) to update the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the PDUSD(P), as prescribed herein.

2. APPLICABILITY. This Directive applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the “DoD Components”).

3. RESPONSIBILITIES, FUNCTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, AND AUTHORITIES. The PDUSD(P), as the principal assistant to and under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, shall:

   a. Pursuant to sections 134 and 134a of Reference (a), exercise full power and authority to act for the USD(P) and exercise the powers of the USD(P) on any and all matters that the USD(P) is authorized to act under Reference (a), except in those areas where delegation of the USD(P) authority is otherwise restricted by higher authority or prohibited by law. This all-inclusive-authority may not be further delegated in toto; however, the PDUSD(P) is authorized to make specific written redelegations, where authorized and as required.
b. Assist the USD(P) in carrying out the responsibilities, fulfilling functions, managing relationships, and exercising authorities provided for in law and Reference (d).

c. Advise on and assist the USD(P) with all responsibilities in providing advice and assistance to the Secretary of Defense, including, but not limited to: strategy formulation and policy planning; campaign and contingency planning and assessment; policy guidance for support to public diplomacy and countering ideological support for terrorism; oversight of sensitive activities and special access programs; regional policy formulation and planning; policy guidance for global force posture and deployment; integration of DoD policy, plans, and capabilities with overall national security objectives; and policy guidance, assumptions, and risk parameters for the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution process.

4. RELEASABILITY. UNLIMITED. This Directive is approved for public release and is available on the Internet from the DoD Issuances Web Site at http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Directive is effective immediately.

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