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**MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL
AND READINESS
ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE**

SUBJECT: Judge Advocates General of the Military Departments

As we have discussed, I have recommended to the Secretary of Defense and he has approved that we submit to the President nominations for the current Judge Advocates General of the Army, Navy, and Air Force for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general or, in the case of the Navy, vice admiral. In so doing, it is intended that the Judge Advocates General continue to serve their current terms to which they were appointed.

When the current Judge Advocates General leave office, either at the conclusion of their current terms or earlier, the Secretaries of the Military Departments shall consider qualified Active, Reserve, and National Guard officers to be their replacements. Those officers, once nominated, confirmed, and appointed, will have three-star grade while serving as The Judge Advocate General of their respective Military Departments. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense will develop implementing guidance in coordination with the Secretaries of the Military Departments.

I request that the Secretaries of the Military Departments provide appropriate nomination packages to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, pursuant to DoD Instruction 1320.14.

cc:
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

