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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Defense Logistics Data Administration

We have embarked upon the transformation of logistics processes to meet the needs of modern warfare and the myriad threats that the nation may encounter. Integral to this transformation is a deliberate shift from a reliance on multiple echelons of inventories and people to an operational concept that relies upon timely, accurate and accessible information. This concept is the foundation of the envisioned "focused logistics" as well as other higher level strategic directions. The identity and description of the data that forms the foundation of our information base is an essential element of a successful transformation of logistics processes.


Given this strategic emphasis, it is imperative that we renew the importance of data management and administration. In that regard, I request that the Defense Logistics Agency assume the responsibilities of the Functional Data Administrator as delineated in DoD Directive 8320.1. Within this delegation authority, DUSD(L) will retain all decision authority relative to matters of policy.

There is precedence for the assignment of these responsibilities to the Defense Logistics Agency. The Defense Logistics Management Standards Office, which is an integral member of the Defense Logistics Agency team, has supported the definition and implementation of data standards for over 30 years. I wholeheartedly encourage the community to build upon this successful legacy while taking full advantage of available technology. A reengineered data management process, established in concert with the other DoD enterprise-wide information services DLA provides, is required to be responsive to an ever-expanding requirement for timely, accurate and accessible data.

It is essential that the organization and resources to meet these data administration requirements be put in place as soon as possible. In that regard, please provide me your



thoughts and plans to incorporate these responsibilities into the Defense Logistics Agency mission.


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