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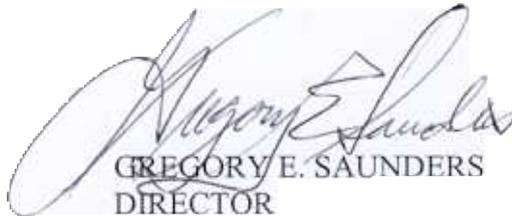
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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENTAL STANDARDIZATION OFFICES (DepSOs)

SUBJECT: Department of Defense (DoD) Qualification Working Group

The Defense Standardization Program Office has overall responsibility for the DoD Qualification Program. Since the program had not been evaluated in some time, I chartered a working group to evaluate the program to determine the extent of the current coverage and if the current criteria are meaningful and realistic in today's environment. The working group members have done an exceptional job and have provided many useful recommendations as shown in the attached final report. Also attached is the status of the issues and recommendations for your information.

I appreciate your support in making the working group a success. We are in the process of implementing the working group recommendations. Proposed policy changes will be coordinated with the Military Departments and Defense Agencies in the usual manner. If you have any questions about the report, please call Ron Zabielski at DSN 427-6877, commercial (703)767-6877.


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**Attachments: DoD Qualification Working Group Final Report
DoD Qualification Working Group Status of Issues and Recommendations**