THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)

Subj: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR ACCOUNTING FOR MISSING PERSONS

Ref: (a) DODI 2310.5 of 31 Jan 05

Reference (a) grants me the authority to convene a board of inquiry to determine and declare a person's official status in a hostile situation. The Commandant of the Marine Corps requested that I delegate this authority to the Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. After careful consideration, I have determined that the authority to declare official status of a person in a hostile situation should be delegated to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). However, I am delegating to the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Chief of Naval Operations the authority to convene a board of inquiry to recommend a status, as described in reference (a). They are authorized to further delegate this authority to the Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs and the Chief of Naval Personnel. This action is effective immediately.

This delegation does not apply to the case of Captain Michael Scott Speicher, U.S. Navy.

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