PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL RECORDS OF OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM AND NOBLE EAGLE AND PERTAINING TO IRAQ

References:
   b. Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, 28 March 2003, “Historical Records Pertaining to Iraq”

1. **Purpose.** To disseminate information on the requirement to retain records relating to Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and NOBLE EAGLE and pertaining to Iraq.

2. **Cancellation.** CJCSN 5760, 5 June 2002, is canceled.

3. **Applicability.** This notice is applicable to the Joint Staff, Services, combatant commands, Defense agencies, and joint activities.

4. **Background.** Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and NOBLE EAGLE and current operations pertaining to Iraq are a prominent part of American and world history. It is important that we preserve the historical records of these continuing operations and we obtain information and lessons that can be applied in planning, shaping, and implementing our national defense in the future.

5. **Action or Procedure**
   a. The Deputy Secretary of Defense has requested (references) that appropriate action be taken to identify and preserve all documentary materials pertaining to the entire ENDURING FREEDOM and NOBLE EAGLE operations and Iraq (e.g., supporting and implementing documents, case management
files, procurement records, transportation records, and financial accounting records).

b. All elements of the Department of Defense should identify, collect, organize, and preserve documents, to include records pertaining to intelligence and documents in special control channels (e.g., Focal Point), both paper and electronic, pertinent to their activities in connection with these operations. These programs are of vital importance for recording the history of ENDURING FREEDOM, NOBLE EAGLE, and Iraq and facilitating the preparation of studies and analyses of policies, plans, operations, technology, logistics, and personnel. The benefits to be derived from this documentation of our experience may be invaluable.

c. Records management and disposition guidance for the Joint Staff is contained in CJCSI 5760.01 and CJCSM 5760.01, Volumes I and II are located on the CJCS Directives Internet Home Page cited below.

6. Releasability. This notice is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DOD components (to include the combatant commands), other federal agencies, and the public may obtain copies of this notice through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Home Page--

7. Effective Date. This notice is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until formally canceled.

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