SUBJECT: United States Transportation Command

References: (a) Title 10 of the United States Code
(b) Unified Command Plan
(c) DOD Directive 4500.9, "Transportation and Traffic Management," January 26, 1989
(e) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Strengthening Department of Defense Transportation Functions," February 14, 1992 (hereby superseded)

A. PURPOSE

This Directive implements Sections 113 and chapter 6 of reference (a) with respect to Department of Defense transportation.

B. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Unified and Specified Commands, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the DOD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "DOD Components").

C. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Directive, the following terms have the meanings set forth:

1. "Service-unique or theater-assigned transportation assets" means transportation assets that are:

   a. assigned to a Military Department for functions of the Secretaries of the Military Departments set forth in Sections 3013(b), Section 5013(b), and 8013(b) of reference (a), including administrative functions (such as motor pools), intelligence functions, training functions, and maintenance functions;

   b. assigned to the Department of the Army for the execution of the missions of the Army Corps of Engineers or, prior to the initial discharge of cargo, Army afloat prepositioned ships;

   c. assigned to the Department of the Navy as:
i. the special mission support force of missile range instrumentation ships, ocean survey ships, cable ships, oceanographic research ships, acoustic research ships, and naval test support ships;

ii. the naval fleet auxiliary force of fleet ammunition ships, submarine surveillance ships, fleet stores ships, fleet ocean tugs, submarine ballistic missile support ships, and fleet oilers;

iii. hospital ships;

iv. Marine Corps intermediate maintenance activity ships;

v. Marine Corps helicopter support to senior Federal officials, or

vi. prior to initial discharge of cargo, maritime prepositioning ships.

d. assigned to the Department of the Air Force for search and rescue, weather reconnaissance, audiovisual services, and aeromedical evacuation functions, and transportation of senior Federal officials, or, prior to the initial discharge of cargo, Air Force afloat prepositioned ships; or

e. assigned for combatant command to a commander of a unified or specified command (including the Special Operations Command) other than the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Transportation Command.

2. “CINCTRANS” means the Commander in Chief of the United States Transportation Command.

D. MISSION

The mission of the Commander in Chief of the United States Transportation Command shall be to provide air, land, and sea transportation for the Department of Defense, both in time of peace and time of war.

E. POLICY

It is the policy of the Department of Defense that:

1. CINCTRANS shall have combatant command of the Military Traffic Management Command of the Department of the Army, the Military Sealift Command of the Department of the Navy, and the Air Mobility Command of the Department of the Air Force, in time of peace and time of war.

2. CINCTRANS shall have combatant command of all transportation assets of the Military Departments, except for Service-unique or theater-assigned transportation assets.

3. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall have the authority and duty to organize, train, and equip forces for assignment to CINCTRANS.

4. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall have the authority and duty to program and budget for the organizing, training, and equipping of forces for assignment to CINCTRANS.
5. CINCTRANS shall be the Department of Defense single manager for transportation, other than Service-unique or theater-assigned transportation assets.

6. CINCTRANS shall provide management support for Service-unique or theater-assigned transportation assets to the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the commanders of unified and specified commands when:
   a. the Secretary of Defense so directs, or
   b. CINCTRANS and the Secretary concerned or the commander concerned so agree.

7. CINCTRANS shall make recommendations, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition on the capability, capacity, characteristics, design and other requirements for mobility assets needed to execute the mission of CINCTRANS.

8. CINCTRANS shall establish and maintain relationships between the Department of Defense and the commercial transportation industry to develop concepts, requirements, and procedures for the Contingency Response Program, the Civil Reserve Air Fleet, and the Sealift Readiness program. Any procedures so developed shall take effect upon their approval by the Secretary of Defense.

F. DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

1. In addition to the authority of CINCTRANS under chapter 6 of reference (a) and authority provided by direction from the President or the Secretary of Defense, CINCTRANS is delegated authority to:
   a. procure commercial transportation services (including lease of transportation assets) in accordance with applicable law as necessary to carry out the mission of CINCTRANS; and
   b. with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, to activate and command assets of the Civil Reserve Air Fleet, the Ready Reserve Force, and the Sealift Readiness Program, consistent with applicable law.

2. CINCTRANS is delegated control of the transportation accounts of the Defense Business Operations Fund, subject to such instructions as the Comptroller of the Department of Defense may issue after coordination with the appropriate departmental officials (including instructions relating to funding of operations of Service-unique or theater-assigned transportation assets).

3. The authority and duties of the Secretary of Defense under Section 2218 of reference (a) are delegated and assigned to the Comptroller of the Department of Defense. In the exercise of this authority, the Comptroller of the Department of Defense shall make available the funds of the National Defense Sealift Fund in accordance with applicable law to:
   a. CINCTRANS, with respect to funds in the National Defense Sealift Fund for operations, maintenance, and lease or charter of national defense sealift vessels.
(other than such vessels that are Service-unique or theater-assigned transportation assets); and

b. the Secretary of the Navy, with respect to other funds in the National Defense Sealift Fund.

G. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The CINTRANS shall execute the mission set forth in Section D. and to that end shall:

a. exercise combatant command of the Military Traffic Management Command of the Department of the Army, the Military Sealift Command of the Department of the Navy, and the Air Mobility Command of the Department of the Air Force, in time of peace and time of war;

b. exercise combatant command of all transportation assets of the Military Departments, except for Service-unique or theater-assigned transportation assets;

c. be the Department of Defense single manager for transportation, other than Service-unique or theater-assigned transportation assets;

d. have the authority to provide management support for Service-unique or theater-assigned transportation assets to the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the commanders of unified and specified commands; and

e. submit as necessary from time to time to the Secretary of Defense, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and such other department officials as may be appropriate, for approval any changes to transportation, fiscal, procurement or other Department of Defense policies that may be appropriate to implement this Directive.

2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall:

a. after coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, assign the Military Traffic Management Command of the Department of the Army, the Military Sealift Command of the Department of the Navy, and the Air Mobility Command of the Department of the Air Force, in time of peace and time of war, to CINTRANS under CINTRANS combatant command;

b. after coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, assign all transportation assets of the Military Departments to CINTRANS under CINTRANS combatant command, except that they may withhold assignment of Service-unique or theater-assigned transportation assets;

c. organize, train, and equip forces for assignment to CINTRANS; and

d. program and budget for the organizing, training, and equipping of forces for assignment to CINTRANS.

3. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall:
a. submit as necessary from time to time to the Secretary of Defense, after coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, CINCTRANS, and such other departmental officials as may be appropriate, for approval:

i. any needed changes to procedures for submission of transportation movement requirements to CINCTRANS; and

ii. any changes to the transportation movement priority system necessary to ensure its responsiveness to the commanders of the unified and specified commands and other Department of Defense components requiring transportation services.

b. after appropriate coordination, recommend to the Secretary of Defense for approval forces for assignment in accordance with Section 162 of reference (a) to CINCTRANS.

4. The Comptroller of the Department of Defense shall:

a. issue, after coordination with appropriate departmental officials, such instructions as may be necessary relating to the use of funds in transportation accounts of the Defense Business Operations Fund consistent with Section F.2. above; and

b. administer and manage the National Defense Sealift Fund consistent with Section F.3. above.

H. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Directive is effective immediately.

2. In the event of any conflict between this Directive and DOD Directive 4500.9 (reference (c)), this Directive governs. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition shall carry out the responsibilities assigned by Section D.1. of DOD Directive 4500.9.

3. Nothing in this Directive affects the authority of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs under DOD Directive 4515.12 (reference (d)).