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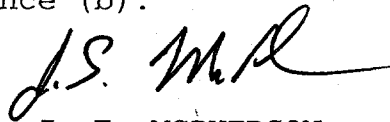
From: Commander, Naval Legal Service Command

Subj: MODIFICATION OF MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF NAVAL LEGAL  
SERVICE OFFICES AND TRIAL SERVICE OFFICES

Ref: (a) COMNAVLEGSVCCOMINST 5800.1E  
(b) COMNAVLEGSVCCOMINST 5450.1E

1. Purpose. To approve modification of the mission and functions of Naval Legal Service Offices and Trial Service Offices.
2. Background. This modification is made pursuant to recommendations 2.4, 6.1, and 7.2 of the National Security Case Commission report, and provides for additional responsibilities for commanding officers of select Naval Legal Service Offices and Trial Service Offices in national security cases.
3. Modification. NLSO Mid-Atlantic, NLSO Southwest, TSO East, and TSO West are designated as the primary commands to provide counsel in the case of charges involving espionage and designated national security cases. Commanding Officers of these units are responsible for ensuring within each unit the presence of trained counsel holding security clearances in accordance with reference (a). When a TSO learns of a potential case involving classified material, Commander, Naval Legal Service Command (NLSC) must be informed through appropriate channels. Commander, NLSC or Vice Commander, NLSC, in consultation with OJAG Code 17 and the concerned commanding officers, will determine whether one of the designated TSOs and NLSOs will assume responsibility for the case. This decision will generally be initiated by the request of the cognizant TSO or NLSO Commanding Officer. Factors to be considered in making this decision include, but are not limited to, whether espionage is suspected, whether the case is reasonably likely to be designated as a national security case, and any unique circumstances involved in the case.

4. Cancellation contingency. This notice shall be retained until incorporated in reference (b).

  
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