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SUBJECT: Establishment of the Periodic Review Secretariat and Discontinuation of the Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants

Executive Order 13567, signed by President Obama on March 7, 2011, establishes a policy and a process to review, on a periodic basis, the continued discretionary exercise of existing detention authority over detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107-40). In accordance with section 3 of the Executive Order, the Department is completing implementing guidelines (Directive-Type Memorandum (DTM) 052) that will task a new office, the Periodic Review Secretariat, to administer this process. Effective immediately, I hereby establish the Periodic Review Secretariat to perform all administrative functions for the periodic review process as described in Executive Order 13567 and DTM-052.

The periodic review process will supersede the Administrative Review Boards, which were conducted annually by the Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants (OARDEC). As the detainee review processes for which OARDEC was responsible no longer exist, I hereby discontinue OARDEC as an organization. OARDEC manpower and other resources will transfer to the Periodic Review Secretariat as required and appropriate in order to staff fully the newly formed Secretariat tasked with conducting this Presidentially-mandated mission.

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