



Department of Defense

Military Commission Order No. 5

March 15, 2004

SUBJECT: Designation of Appointing Authority

- References:**
- (a) Military Order of November 13, 2001, "Detention, Treatment, and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism," 66 F.R. 57833 (Nov. 16, 2001)
 - (b) Military Commission Order No. 1 (Mar. 21, 2002)
 - (c) Department of Defense Directive 5105.70, Appointing Authority for Military Commissions
 - (d) Military Commission Order No. 2 (Jun. 21, 2003)

1. PURPOSE

This order assigns responsibilities under references (a), (b), and (c) for trials before military commissions of individuals subject to the President's Military Order.

2. REVOCATION OF MILITARY COMMISSION ORDER NO. 2

Reference (d) designated the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Dr. Paul D. Wolfowitz, as the Appointing Authority on June 21, 2003. Reference (d) is hereby revoked.

3. DESIGNATION OF APPOINTING AUTHORITY

In accordance with the President's Military Order and Military Commission Order No. 1, John D. Altenburg, Jr. is hereby designated as the Appointing Authority.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order is effective immediately.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald H. Rumsfeld", is positioned above the printed name.

Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense