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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: The Title "Commander in Chief"

Effective immediately, the title "Commander in Chief" shall be used to connote or indicate the President of the United States of America. Further, this memorandum discontinues use of the acronym "CINC" (meaning "Commander in Chief") for military officers. Attached is a list of new titles to be used.

Utilization of current material (signs, stationery, etc) for military officers that indicates the title "Commander in Chief" is permitted until supplies are exhausted, or until the next regular maintenance period during which signage may be changed without any undue additional cost to the taxpayers.

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Attachment:
As stated



New titles of former military "Commanders-in-Chief"

Unified Combatant Commands

Commander, U.S. Northern Command

Commander, U.S. Southern Command

Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command

Commander, U.S. Pacific Command

Commander, U.S. European Command

Commander, U.S. Central Command

Commander, U.S. Transportation Command

Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command

Commander, U.S. Strategic Command

Other Commands

Commander, United Nations Command

Commander, Combined Forces Command

Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command