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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: General and Flag Officer Reduction Deferment

The Secretary of War provided verbal approval to defer the grade reductions for the Chief Prosecutor and Chief Defense Counsel positions in the Office of Military Commissions (Guantanamo Bay) from January 1, 2027 to July 1, 2027. No further deferments will be considered for these positions.

The Office of the Secretary of War General/Flag Officer point of contact is Mr. Don Crutchfield, Director, General/Flag Officer Matters & Officer Management at 703-697-4685.

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