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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION LIST

Subject: Changes to the Requirements Generation System

1. The Requirements Generation System, as delineated in CJCSI 3170.01B, "Requirements Generation System," does not adequately support the development of an integrated and effective joint force. The current process frequently produces stovepiped solutions that are not necessarily based on the future capabilities required by the joint warfighter.

2. Effective immediately, CJCSI 3170.01B Enclosure C, "Mission Needs Statement Generation Process," and Enclosure D, "Capstone Requirements Document Generation Process," are cancelled. The mission needs statement (MNS) will be replaced by a mission area focused and capabilities-based document in the next revision to CJCSI 3170.01B. Concepts depicted in capstone requirements documents (CRD) will be captured within mission area integrated architectures as they are developed and refined.

3. CRD and MNS that have already been approved by the Joint Requirements Oversight Council will continue to be valid until absorbed into appropriate integrated architectures. CRD and MNS that have initiated staffing in the Joint Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence Program Assessment Tool will continue through the normal staffing process. Operational requirements documents will continue to support acquisition milestone B and C decisions until a revision to CJCSI 3170.01B is published.

4. This action is taken in coordination with acquisition community efforts to improve the Defense Acquisition System, as specified in DODI 5000.2, "Operation of the Defense Acquisition System," and DODD 5000.1, "The Defense Acquisition System." This combined effort is undertaken in order to implement a more integrated and collaborative requirements and acquisition process.

5. The Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment (J-8) will prepare a revision to CJCSI 3170.01B within 120 days.

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