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DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY**

FROM: Joint Aeronautical Commanders' Group (JACG)

SUBJECT: Proposed Instruction on Management of Aviation Critical Safety Items (CSIs)

1. For the past 3 years, the JACG has been working to improve the management of aviation Critical Safety Items (CSIs) across the military services, defense agencies, and civil agencies. CSIs are aviation parts whose failure have catastrophic implications. They represent less than five percent of the total population of replenishment items used in aviation systems. Because of the consequences of failure, CSIs require disciplined life-cycle management. On 27 August 2002, the JACG issued guidance for procuring, managing, and disposing CSIs. We have refined our guidance based on lessons learned over the past 15 months. Rather than reissue guidance, we believe it is important for the direction to be published as a formal joint service and defense agency instruction. Accordingly, we request your support for publishing the attached joint instruction.
2. We thank you for your prior assistance in our efforts to reestablish statutory provisions governing CSIs. Section 802 of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 108-136) requires the Secretary of Defense to prescribe a policy for the quality control of aviation CSIs. It specifically requires that: 1) Design Control Activities establish a process to identify and manage aviation CSIs, 2) aviation CSIs be purchased only from sources approved by the Design Control Activity, and 3) delivered aviation CSIs meet requirements established by the Design Control Activity. As a point of interest, Section 8143 of the 2004 National Defense Appropriations Act also contained reporting requirements concerning the Defense Department's system to track safety-critical parts, notify contracting agencies and contractors about safety issues, and oversee prime and subcontractors. We believe the draft instruction, coupled with Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) changes the JACG is drafting, will implement the Authorization Act requirements and will establish a tracking and notification process for aviation systems as contemplated by the Appropriations Act.
3. We request that the attached draft joint Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Defense Logistics Agency, and Defense Contract Management Agency instruction on managing aviation CSIs be formally coordinated within your service or agency. Mr. Jeffrey Allan, NAVAIR-4.1C, (301) 342-2246 or jeffrey.allan@navy.mil, is the JACG lead for CSI policies. He will be pleased to brief you and work with your staff in the coordination process.

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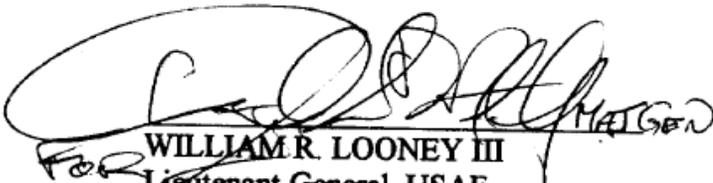
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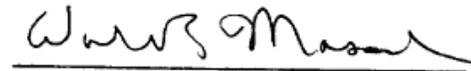
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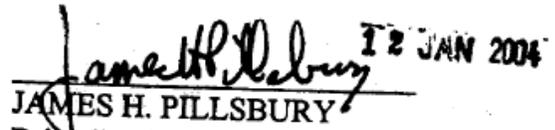
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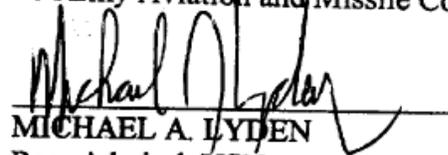
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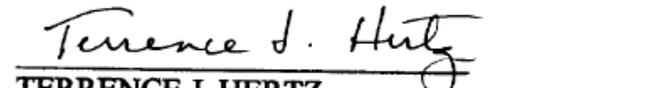

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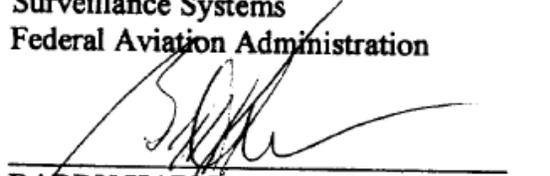

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