

intelligence activities by, or within, a DoD Component; and

(2) Obtain information on the status, proceedings, and findings or to obtain copies of reports of investigations of such allegations.

(f) Deal directly with the head of the element inspected or investigated, conduct interviews, take depositions, and examine records incident to an inspection or investigation of any DoD Component, as required, in carrying out assigned functions.

## PART 380—DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION

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### § 380.1 Purpose.

This part:

(a) Implements section 136a of title 10 U.S.C. which establishes the position of Director of Operational Test and Evaluation (Director, OT&E).

(b) Assigns responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities, as prescribed herein, to the Director, OT&E, pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense under title 10 U.S.Code.

### § 380.2 Definitions.

(a) *DoD Components.* The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD); the Military Departments; the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (OJCS); the Unified and Specified Commands; the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense; and the Defense Agencies. The term "Military Services" as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

(b) *Independent Test Agency.* The Army Operational Test and Evaluation Agency, the Navy Operational Test and Evaluation Force, the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Command,

and the Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Agency.

(c) *Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP).* The production of a system in limited quantity to be used in OT&E for verification of production engineering and design maturity and to establish a production base.

(d) *Major Defense Acquisition Program.* As specified in section 136a of title 10 U.S.Code.

(1) A DoD acquisition program that is not a highly sensitive classified program (as determined by the Secretary of Defense) and:

(i) That is designated by the Secretary of Defense as a major defense acquisition program; or

(ii) That is estimated by the Secretary of Defense to require an eventual total expenditure for research, development, test, and evaluation of more than 200 million dollars (based on fiscal year 1980 constant dollars) or an eventual total expenditure for procurement of more than 1 billion dollars (based on fiscal year 1980 constant dollars).

(2) A DoD acquisition program that is so designated by the Director, OT&E, for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities, functions, and authorities of this Directive.

(e) *Operational Test and Evaluation.* The field test, under realistic combat conditions, of any item of (or key component of) weapons, equipment, or munitions for the purpose of determining the effectiveness and suitability of the weapons, equipment, or munitions for use in combat by typical military users; and the evaluation of the results of such test.

### § 380.3 Policy.

(a) Within the Department of Defense it is recognized that operational testing is the continuum of realistic, operational field tests conducted by a Military Service independent test agency. Operational testing begins during the development period before a final decision to proceed beyond low rate initial production. This continuum of tests will employ increasing operational realism as engineering design nears its final form to provide an independent measure of development progress and