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MEMORANDUM FOR DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER, RESERVE FORCES POLICY
BOARD

SUBJECT: Determination to Close a Portion of Reserve Forces Policy Board Meeting of
March 7, 2018

I find that the request to close the 7:55 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. time period of the March 7, 2018, meeting of the Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB) is consistent with provisions outlined in the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1)) and section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App). Therefore, I determine that the prescribed portion of the meeting shall be closed to the public. This determination is based on the consideration that the discussions will involve classified matters of national defense or foreign policy. The RFPB will meet in open session from 2:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

The reason for my determination is that this portion of the meeting is likely to disclose matters that are classified. Such matters are so inextricably intertwined with unclassified material that they cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without disclosing secret or otherwise classified material.

Specifically, the portions of the meeting that will be closed are the presentations from the National Defense University, Center for Strategic Research, Distinguished Research Fellow, the Under Secretary of the Air Force, the Institute for Defense Analysis, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the Special Assistant to the Director of the Army National Guard, and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security. Secret level discussions are likely as they address military operations; readiness, availability, use, and performance of the National Guard and Reserve; and the future strategies for their use.

As required by 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.155(d), the RFPB shall insure that a copy of this determination is made available to the public upon request. In light of this determination, the RFPB shall also comply with all requirements for reporting closed meetings as specified in Department of Defense Instruction 5105.04.

If you should have any questions concerning this determination, please contact the Designated Federal Officer, Alexander Sabol at (703) 681-0577 or alexander.j.sabol.civ@mail.mil.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert L. Wilkie".

Robert L. Wilkie