

UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER, RESERVE FORCES POLICY BOARD

SUBJECT: Determination to Close the Reserve Forces Policy Board Meeting on December 7, 2022

I find that the request to close the entire December 7, 2022 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. Appendix). Therefore, I determine that the prescribed meeting shall be closed to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. This determination is based on the consideration that the discussions will involve classified matters of national defense or foreign policy.

The reason for my determination is that this 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 meeting will feature presentations from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Force Development, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans and Forces, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Chair, Subcommittee for the Reserve Components' Role in Homeland Defense and Support to Civil Authorities; Cyber Mutual Assistance Program Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council Lead; Chief of the National Guard Bureau (CNGB); Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Cyber Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Homeland Combatant Commanders' and CNGB's Panel Secret level discussions are likely as they address military operations; the readiness, availability, use, and performance of the National Guard and Reserves; and future strategies for their use.

As required by 41 CFR § 102-3.155(d), the RFPB Designated Federal Officer (DFO) shall insure that a copy of this determination is made available to the public upon request. In light of this determination, the RFPB DFO 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, please contact the RFPB DFO, Mr. Alexander Sabol, at (703) 618-2470 or alexander.j.sabol.civ@ail.mil.

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