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MEMORANDUM FOR DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER, RESERVE FORCES POLICY BOARD

SUBJECT: Determination to Close to the Public the Reserve Forces Policy Board Meeting on December 11, 2019

I find that the request to close the December 11, 2019 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 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 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 be closed because of presentations from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Force Development; the Commander, Marine Force Reserve and Marine Forces North; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs; and the Director for Strategy, Plans and Policy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J5. Secret level discussions are likely as they address military operations; the readiness, availability, use, and performance of the National Guard and Reserve; and future strategies for their use.

As required by 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.155(d), the RFPB shall ensure 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 DoD Instruction 5105.04.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James N. Stewart". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "S".

James N. Stewart
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and Reserve Affairs, Performing the Duties
of the Under Secretary of Defense for
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