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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 8, 2017

I find that the request to close the 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. time period of the March 8, 2017, 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 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. The RFPB will meet in open session from 12:25 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

The reason for my determination is that this portion of the agenda 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 with an update on the progress of the RFPB Cyber Mission Approach Report recommendations, the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force Report recommendations, the National Commission on the Future of the Army Report recommendations, and the Institute for Defense Analysis' study on the operational effectiveness of the Reserve Components during Operation Enduring Freedom. Secret level discussions are likely as they address the 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. M. Kurta".

A. M. Kurta
Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of
Defense for Personnel and Readiness

cc:
Group Federal Officer
Advisory Committee Management Officer