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FOR: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FROM: Robert E. Love, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Navy (Acting)

SUBJECT: Notice of Government Aircraft Plane and Crew Swap

Reference: DepSecDef Memorandum of 5 Jun 18

- I am providing notice of the use of more than one crew and one aircraft per mission during travel of the Acting Secretary of the Navy (A/SN), the Honorable Thomas B. Modly, to Guam. The reference restricts travelers using government aircraft to one basic crew per mission.
- The A/SN traveled in his official capacity to Guam from 4 April 2020 to 6 April 2020. Attached are the mission and travel itineraries. To facilitate timely travel and support the mission, a crew and plane swap were required. Specifically, mission R120MSN129 (“129”) departed from Joint Base Andrews (JBA) for Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii with A/SN on 4 April 2020. The A/SN was accompanied by me, his Senior MA, and his NCIS personnel security agent. This flight also included an additional aircrew. Separately, on 3 April 2020, mission R120MSN126 (“126”) departed JBA to pick up the interim commanding officer for the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), moored in Guam. Mission 126 stopped in Hawaii to rest overnight (RON) on 4 April 2020. When A/SN arrived in Hawaii on 5 April 2020, he and his staff switched to mission 126 for immediate onward movement to Guam, thus consolidating the travel of A/SN and the interim CO for CVN 71. After RON in Hawaii, the mission 129 aircraft and original crew returned to JBA without additional passengers, leaving behind the additional aircrew. Upon completion of A/SN’s official schedule in Guam on 6 April 2020, A/SN departed Guam for Hawaii that afternoon on mission 126. After arrival in Hawaii, the extra crew from mission 129 switched with the current mission 126 crew and flew the mission 126 aircraft back to JBA, while the original mission 126 crew flew back as passengers with A/SN and staff.
- Rapidly changing events in Guam with CVN 71 response necessitated a short-notice decision to travel on a Saturday, resulting in our office not seeking an advance exception to policy (ETP) from the reference. However, the ETP would have been requested because a crew and plane swap was required to effectively execute the mission. Additionally, two executive aircraft were already traveling to Guam on separately approved missions – the travel of the interim CO for CVN 71 and the travel of A/SN. Changing planes in Hawaii allowed A/SN to consolidate missions and ensure timely arrival in Guam. The additional crew then allowed for timely return to the Washington D.C. area for continued A/SN official business.

Attachments:

As stated

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