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MEMORANDUM FOR MS. MODEL PLUMBER, DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINMENT, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G4

Subject: Planning for UID Implementation and Utilization within the United States Army

Reference: (a) ADUSD(MR&MP) Memorandum, Approach to IOC for Parts Marking at DoD Depots, 8 June, 2005
(b) USD(AT&L) Memorandum, Policy for Unique Identification (UID) of Tangible Personal property Items in Inventory and Operational Use, Including Government Furnished Property (GFP), 23 December, 2004
(c) USD(AT&L) Memorandum, Budget Instructions for Unique Identification (UID) Implementation FY 2007-2012, 11 May, 2005

Thank you for forwarding Major General Stevenson's 17 August memorandum: *Approach to Initial Operating Capability for Parts Marking at US Army Materiel Command Depots*, submitted in response to reference (a). I believe insight into each of the Services' UID implementation strategies, priorities and barriers to progress is important. Such insight can highlight the need for the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) policy clarification or other assistance as required, and facilitates the sharing of valuable lessons-learned among the Services.

Attached to General Stevenson's memo was a checklist summarizing the status of six key UID Depot IOC milestones (establish IPT, establish local serialization schema, establish central data base, establish communication with DoD Registry, establish capability to apply UII mark, and initiate parts marking) at each of the five Army depots. The memorandum indicates that all planning will be completed and documented by January, 2007 in time to support of Full Operating Capability (FOC) establishment at all depots by September, 2007 as required by reference (b). Although the time between January and September, 2007 is relatively short, I'm confident that much preliminary planning is well underway, and would welcome the opportunity to learn more about AMC's overarching strategy for parts marking and serialized item management in the coming months. As you know, reference (b) also required ACAT ID programs to have submitted their UID implementation plans to the OSD UID Program Office last June, and requires all other programs to submit their plans to their respective Milestone Decision Authority not later than January, 2006. Clearly these program plans can have an immense influence on the depots' FOC Plans, particularly with respect to resourcing UID capability establishment and sustaining operations.