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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GROVER DUNN, DIRECTOR, INNOVATION AND  
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Subject: Planning for UID Implementation and Utilization within the United States  
Air Force

- 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 your 25 August memorandum: *Air Force Initial Operating Capability Plan of Action and Milestones*, 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.

Your memorandum forwarded an excellent executive-level AFMC IOC Plan of Action and Milestones for USAF depots. Air Force's decision to test the concept of parts marking at maintenance facilities outside of the ALCs (i.e., at the intermediate maintenance facility at Travis AFB) is commendable. The capability to do some parts marking in the field, as well as the capability to read marks and transact data from the field will be key features of UID Full Operating Capability (FOC) in FY07 and beyond. Also, the Air Force's UID POA&M recognizes the synergy between, and the necessity to link UID and serial number tracking (SNT). Without a strategy for "doing something with the data", the tremendous potential of UID within the Department of Defense (DoD) maintenance enterprise will be lost.

As I'm sure you are aware, reference (b) 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.

