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SUBJECT: Fort George G. Meade Policy Memorandum <u>#5</u>, Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- 1. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal and physical conduct of a sexual nature.
- 2. Sexual harassment occurs when a supervisor, male or female, conditions the granting of economic or other job benefit upon the receipt of sexual favors from a subordinate or punishes that subordinate for refusing to comply. Sexual harassment also occurs when a supervisor or co-worker creates or fosters a hostile or uncomfortable working environment for a subordinate based on his or her gender.
- 3. Any person in a supervisory or command position who uses or condones implicit or explicit sexual behavior to control, influence, or affect the career, pay or job of a military member or civilian employee is engaging in sexual harassment. Similarly, any military member or civilian employee who makes deliberate or repeated unwelcome verbal comments, gestures, or physical contact of a sexual nature is also engaging in sexual harassment.
- 4. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated in the command. Allegations of it will not be ignored. The first-level supervisor above the alleged or suspected offender must aggressively investigate and take appropriate action in accordance with law and regulations.
- 5. Prevention is the best tool for the elimination of sexual harassment. I expect supervisors to take those actions necessary to prevent sexual harassment from

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occurring within their areas of responsibility. I further expect that allegations of sexual harassment will be immediately investigated, and if appropriate, corrective measures taken.

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