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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: DoD Instrument Flight Procedures Policy

Recent events have highlighted the need to take a critical look at DoD instrument flight procedures and equipment. Both affect our ability to safely perform our global missions.

Effective immediately, aircrews flying military passenger and troop-carrying aircraft will not fly a non-DoD instrument approach that has not been validated as safe and accurate. A non-DoD instrument approach must be validated in accordance with FAA Handbook 8260.3, United States Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS).

Each Service will ensure that aircrews are trained in the proper use of non-DoD approaches. This includes ensuring that aircrews fly an approach only if they have the necessary cockpit instrumentation for that specific approach. In addition, aircrews must be properly trained for each specific theater in which they will operate. The preparation and training will include a thorough review of that theater's unique instrument requirements and procedures.

Each Service will provide an update on the status of equipping passenger or troop carrying aircraft with Global Positioning Systems and Flight Data Recorders as directed by my previous letter (Subj: Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Flight Data Recorders on Military Passenger Aircraft, 26 April 1986).

Each Service will provide me your specific plan to implement this policy not later than 21 June 1986.

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