

RESPONSE SYSTEMS TO ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT CRIMES PANEL

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Dear General Dempsey:

The Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel is conducting an independent review and assessment of the systems used to investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate crimes involving adult sexual assault and related offenses. As part of this review, I want to give you the opportunity to provide written comments on any of the issues, as you deem appropriate, raised in the Panel's terms of reference, found in section 576(d)(1) of the FY13 National Defense Authorization Act and attached for your convenience. Please provide written comments by November 15, 2013.

Additionally, I request the Joint Chiefs' responses to the matters raised in the attached request for information. The issues the Panel is charged to review are important and directly affect the Joint Chiefs of Staff, so it is essential that we receive your views and the requested information. In order to allow your staff time to gather the information in the attached request for information, it has been staged with three separate suspense dates, as listed in the attachment. Thank you for making your Legal Advisor available to appear before the Panel at our meeting on September 25, 2013, and for your continued support in making personnel and resources available at future meetings.

The Response Systems Panel is an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Unless appropriately marked by the submitter as classified or otherwise not releasable to the public, all comments received by the Response Systems Panel will be treated as publicly releasable. My point of contact is Colonel Patricia Ham, Staff Director, who may be reached at (703) 693-3827 or patricia.a.ham.mil@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

Barbara Jones

Chair

Response Systems Panel

Attachments:

- 1. Statute
- 2. Request for Information