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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: The Title "Commander in Chief"

Effective immediately, the title "Commander in Chief" shall be used to connote or indicate the President of the United States of America. Further, this memorandum discontinues use of the acronym "CINC" (meaning "Commander in Chief") for military officers. Attached is a list of new titles to be used.

Utilization of current material (signs, stationery, etc) for military officers that indicates the title "Commander in Chief" is permitted until supplies are exhausted, or until the next regular maintenance period during which signage may be changed without any undue additional cost to the taxpayers.

Attachment:
As stated

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New titles of former military "Commanders-in-Chief"

Unified Combatant Commands
Commander, U.S. Northern Command
Commander, U.S. Southern Command
Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command
Commander, U.S. Pacific Command
Commander, U.S. European Command
Commander, U.S. Central Command
Commander, U.S. Transportation Command
Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command
Commander, U.S. Strategic Command

Other Commands
Commander, United Nations Command
Commander, Combined Forces Command
Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command