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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE XOF3

SUBJECT: Flag of the United States, Modification of

With the enactment of Public Law 85-508 (72 Stat. 339), and the succeeding publicity concerning the addition of a state to the union and a star to the Flag of the United States at the time Alaska becomes a state, the Department of the Army has received many inquiries concerning the arrangement of the 49 stars.

Within the past twelve years, suggestions of over seven hundred individuals have been forwarded to The Quartermaster General, Department of the Army. Many were forwarded from The White House, the Executive Departments, and Members of Congress. The suggestions have been acknowledged with a statement that they would be considered should the Department of the Army be requested to prepare designs.

Public Law 85-263, approved 2 September 1957, gave specific statutory authority for the Secretary of the Army to provide heraldic services to the military departments and other government agencies upon request. Heraldic services have been rendered to almost all of the executive departments (particularly in the design and development of departmental seals and flags) and to the legislative and judiciary branches of the government.

In 1949 when there was discussion of Hawaii becoming a state, a comprehensive study of the evolution of the flag design and appropriate arrangement of stars, should another state be admitted to the union, was begun by the Office of The Quartermaster General. Two designs each, of 49 and 50 star flags are inclosed for whatever action you deem appropriate. Although these designs were made prior to receipt of most of the suggested designs, all suggestions have been carefully evaluated. The four inclosed designs are considered the most feasible method of changing the arrangement of the stars. Design A is recommended for adoption for a 49 star flag and Design C for a 50 star flag.

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