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**I. ADVANCED AERIAL FIRE SUPPORT SYSTEM OFFICE.** *Effective 18 October 1968*, the Advanced Aerial Fire Support (AAFS) System Office is established at Washington, D.C., as a class II activity with the functioning and priorities associated with the Office of the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, to assist the AAFS System Manager in the exercise of his responsibilities.

**II. ADVANCED AERIAL FIRE SUPPORT SYSTEM MANAGER. 1.** *Effective 18 October 1968*, the position of the AAFS System Manager is established within the Office of the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, as the principal assistant and Staff adviser to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Army for all matters pertaining to the AAFSS program.

2. The mission of the AAFS System Manager, by monitorship and temporary intercession, is to insure that the AAFSS program is properly conceived and executed, to include the deployment phase. In addition, the AAFS System Manager will provide the central point of contact within the Department of the Army for those aspects of the AAFSS program involving analysis of alternative systems and program justification.

3. The AAFS System Manager, using procedures prescribed by the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff, continually will monitor the Army Staff and Secretariat elements and participating organizations and, when appropriate, will exercise Department of the Army executive authority over them until the problem is resolved. The AAFSS program will be managed by exception, on a case-by-case basis (when required to insure a proper AAFSS program and adequate progress toward objectives). When a short-term solution is possible, the executive authority may be used outside the framework of a management control plan. However, as his basic method of management, the AAFS System Manager will develop, coordinate, issue as a directive, maintain, and monitor execution of an AAFSS Management Objectives Plan (AAFSSMOP). The AAFSSMOP will task the Army Staff and Secretariat elements and participating organizations to accomplish time-phased goals when analysis by the AAFS System Office indicates existing tasking, plans, or procedures will not produce desired results in a timely manner. In addition, to facilitate his monitorship and analysis actions, the AAFS System Manager is authorized to task the Army Staff and Secretariat elements and participating organizations to provide liaison personnel, information, and other support necessary to the execution of his mission.

4. The positions of AAFS System Manager and Deputy AAFS System Manager(s) are designated command positions.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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