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(PROVISIONAL)—Established-----

Section

US ARMY TANK PRODUCTION ACCELERATION PROGRAM MAN-

AGER—Assigned to Office of the Chief of Staff, Army-----

I. US ARMY TANK PRODUCTION ACCELERATION PROGRAM OFFICE (PROVISIONAL). Effective 27 December 1974, the US Army Tank Production Acceleration Office (Provisional) is established at Alexandria, Virginia, as a field operating agency under the US Army Tank Production Manager to assist the Program Manager in the exercise of his responsibilities.

II. US ARMY TANK PRODUCTION ACCELERATION PROGRAM MANAGER. 1. Effective 27 December 1974, the US Army Tank Production Acceleration Program Manager is assigned within the Office of the Chief of Staff, US 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 production/retrofit and rebuild of the M48/M60-series tanks. The US Army Tank Production Acceleration Program Manager, within the instructions issued by the Chief of Staff, will exercise staff supervision over all Army Staff elements and participating organizations of the Department of the Army for planning, direction, and control of the program for accelerating tank production.

2. He will exercise Department of the Army executive authority over the approved tank production/retrofit program and the resources made available for its accomplishment.

3. He commands the US Army Tank Production Acceleration Program Office (Provisional).

4. The mission of the US Army Tank Production Acceleration Program Manager is to insure: That the production of new M60A1 tanks is accelerated as rapidly as possible to rates approved by the Secretary of the Army; that programs to retrofit M48A1 and M48A3 tanks to the M48A5 configuration are initiated and prosecuted with all due dispatch; and that the rebuild of unserviceable tanks is so conducted as to maximize the readiness of the fleet. In addition, the Program Manager will provide the central point of contact within the Department of the Army for all matters concerning the production acceleration program and the central point of release for all data concerning the program.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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