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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Okinawa Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) or Remotely-Controlled Aircraft (RCA)

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction O-2000.16, Volume 1. DoD Antiterrorism (AT) Program Implementation: DoD AT Standards, 17 November 2016.
- b. Army Regulation (AR) 190-13, The Army's Physical Security Program, 25 February 2011.
 - c. AR 525-13, Antiterrorism, 17 February 2017.
 - d. Army Techniques Publications (ATP) 3-37.2, Antiterrorism, 3 June 2014.
 - e. Joint Publication 3-13.3, Operations Security, 29 June 2006.
- f. DoD Directive 5205.02E, DoD Operations Security (OPSEC) Program, 20 June 2012.
- 2. APPLICABILITY: This memorandum applies to all Military members, DoD Civilian employees, contractors/technical representatives, dependents, sponsored visitors and other employees or visitors to USAG Okinawa installations.
- 3. GENERAL: The following policy is established for the prohibition of operating an UAS or RCA on all USAG Okinawa installations. There have been multiple recent incidents where personnel have operated remotely-controlled (RC) aircraft in an unauthorized manner on or near military installations on Okinawa. These activities threaten operations security and could endanger the safety of military aircraft, Soldiers, families and civilians. Personnel who observe private or commercial UAS/RCA activity on or near USAG Okinawa installations should immediately contact installation law enforcement, at DSN 644-4715 or commercial 098-956-1206, and make every effort to keep the UAS/RCA under observation until the authorities arrive. Observations of this

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misconduct should also be reported to the Okinawa Field Office, at DSN 645-3721 or Commercial 098-970- 3721, and Army Military Intelligence, at Commercial 090-6185-5473.

- 4. DEFINITIONS: The following defines the types of UAS aircraft restricted under this policy.
- a. Model Aircraft A RC model aircraft. Capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere and operated for purely recreational or hobby purposes and within the line of sight of the operator. Limited to 55 pounds or less.
- b. Quadcopters A RC Model rotorcraft. Capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere and operated for purely recreational or hobby purposes and within the line of sight of the operator. Limited to 55 pounds or less.
- c. Drones This is a generic term used for UAS aircraft. Operated for recreational, hobby or commercial purposes. Currently, a drone operated for commercial purposes is subject to more stringent authorization requirements enforced by the Federal Aviation Administration and Government of Japan entities.
- 5. POLICY: For public safety and operations security reasons, the outdoor use of private or commercial UAS/RCA, whether or not these are equipped with cameras, is prohibited on all USAG Okinawa installations. This restriction does not apply to DoD UAS operations.
- 6. Paragraph 5 is a punitive order; violation of any provision thereof might result in adverse administrative or disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Table of Penalties, and/or the Civilian Misconduct Board.
- 7. This policy memorandum remains in effect until rescinded or superseded in writing.
- 8. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) at DSN (315) 644-4937.

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