EXHIBIT B

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: (U) Identification of Judge Advocate General Officers and Civilian Attorneys for Potential Detail to the Department of Justice

(CUI) The Department of Defense (DoD) is committed to supporting interagency efforts that enhance national security and the rule of law. DOJ is currently facing a significant backlog of immigration cases and has expressed interest in exploring options to augment its existing capacity. The Department of Justice (DOJ) submitted a request for assistance, on August 23, 2025, to detail up to 600 attorneys to serve as temporary immigration judges (TIJ). I am directing you to identify qualified judge advocate officers (in either Active or Reserve components) and civilian attorneys from within your Departments who may be suitable for detail to DOJ to serve as TIJs for up to 179 days in cohorts of up to 150. I envision that DoD will provide this support through the end of Fiscal Year 2027, with the personnel detailed rotating within that period.

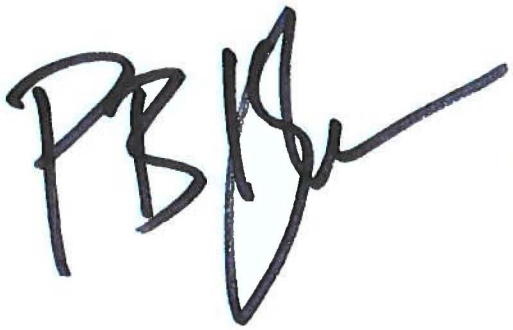
(CUI) To assist DOJ in this endeavor, each Military Department Secretary shall identify attorneys who possess the requisite qualifications and characteristics, as described below. Up to 600 officers or civilians may be required from DoD, to be proportionately distributed across the Military Departments and Services. I understand that identifying officers and civilians who meet these criteria will require careful consideration of individuals from a wide range of legal experience. The attorneys identified should possess a Juris Doctor degree from an accredited law school, be active members in good standing of a state bar or the D.C. bar, and ideally have significant experience in administrative law, immigration law, as a military judge, or in related fields. Furthermore, identified attorneys' personnel must demonstrate a record of sound judgment, legal expertise, and analytical ability, coupled with exceptional wisdom, discernment, and impartiality. A professional demeanor, suitable temperament for the role of TIJ, and strong written and oral communication skills are also essential. To ensure we are postured to support DOJ, please also note that, subject to the necessary approval within DoD, officers from the Reserve Component who are identified may be subject to involuntary mobilization under applicable legal authorities and regulations, to meet DOJ's needs.

(CUI) The attorneys may preside over hearings in person in traditional courtrooms or detention centers, or they may preside over cases virtually from space made available by DOJ. DoD attorneys will receive special instructions and training on presiding over the various types of Immigration Court proceedings from experienced, senior DOJ Executive Office for Immigration Review personnel. Attorney details will occur in phased cohorts of up to 150 attorneys every 180 days, beginning as soon as practicable and no later than November 1, 2025. Support will be provided on a reimbursable basis with the potential for details to be renewed as needed.

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(CUI) You are directed to coordinate with the DoD Office of General Counsel to implement this task. Not later than 11 September, each Military Department will provide the DoD General Counsel an initial list of 100 names, respective rank, and duty location for each judge advocate and civilian attorney in your Military Department who is both available and suitable for detail to the DOJ to serve as an Immigration Judge. My point of contact for this action is John Cooper, Chief of Staff to the DoD General Counsel.



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