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DISA INSTRUCTION 100-50-10\*

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POLICY

Release of Official Information in Litigation and Testimony by DOD Personnel as Witnesses

- 1. **Purpose.** This Instruction prescribes policy and assigns responsibility for the release of official DOD information in litigation and for testimony by DOD personnel as witnesses during litigation.
- 2. Applicability. This Instruction applies to DISA activities.
- 3. **Authority.** This Instruction is published in accordance with the authority contained in <u>DOD Directive 5405.2</u>, Release of Official Information in Litigation and Testimony of DOD Personnel as Witnesses, 23 July 1985.
- 4. **Policy.** It is DISA policy that official information should generally be made reasonably available for use in Federal and State courts and by other governmental bodies unless the information is classified, privileged, or otherwise protected from public disclosure.
- 5. Responsibilities. Principal Directors of Strategic Business Units, Directors and Chief of Shared Services Units, Direct Reports, and Special Advisors, Headquarters, DISA, and Commanders of combatant command field offices shall ensure that the requests for release of official information or request for an official witness in proceedings before a court are forwarded promptly to the General Counsel, DISA, who has sole authority to grant or deny the request.

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