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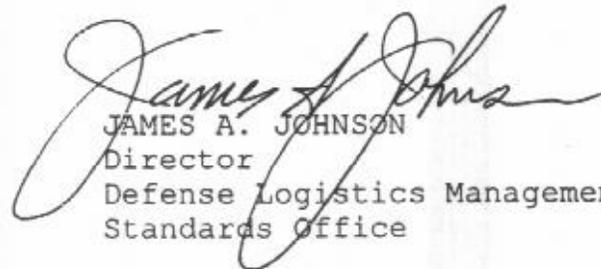
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Unique Item Tracking Committee (UITC) Meeting,
June 17-18, 2003

The attached minutes of the UITC meeting are forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

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The Defense Logistics Management Standards Office (DLMSO) hosted a meeting of the UITC June 17 – 18, 2003, at the DLA Headquarters Complex, Fort Belvoir, VA. The primary purpose of the meeting was to review Proposed Defense Logistics Management System (DLMS) Change (PDC) 92, rewrite of DLMS Chapter 19, Unique Item Tracking and Component Overview of Tracking Security Risk 1 Non-Nuclear Missiles and Rockets. The agenda is at Enclosure 1. A list of attendees is at Enclosure 2.

Brief Summary of Discussions:

a. PDC 92, DLMS Chapter 19 Procedures. The purpose of the change is to support the changing environment for maintaining visibility of uniquely identified assets for the primary purpose for inventory control and/or engineering analysis and to develop procedures to support evolving UIT systems. The change was staffed with the UITC prior to this meeting for comments/recommendations. Due to a limited number of submitted comments/recommendations the Chair decided to revise and re-staff the change based on discussions at the meeting. The Components were tasked to provide comments/recommendation within 30 days of the date of the revised change. NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting the Chairs of the UITC and PRC determined that the change should be generalized to refer to transaction names (such as receipt or materiel release order, but not to the transaction set numbers such as "DLMS Supplement 527R" for the receipt. This is the direction the DLMS manual is moving to provide procedures that will apply regardless of the transaction media (ANSI ASC X12, XML, etc). The revised change was staffed on August 1, 2003 with a due date for comments/recommendations of September 4, 2003.

b. Unique Identifier (UID) Mr. Maurice Stewart, DoD Logistics AIT office, presented an overview of current AIT initiatives and information on the Unique Identifier (UID). Mr. Stewart informed the Committee that the UID IPT was chartered in December 2002. The UID IPT is expected to complete its task and a policy memorandum is expected in July 2003. Upon completion of Mr. Stewart's presentation the UITC Chair requested that the Committee provide comments on the draft revised DoD Guide to Uniquely Identifying Tangible Items, to DLMSO and to their Service/Agency participant in the DoD UID effort. [NOTE: subsequent to the meeting, the UID Guideline, version 1.2, was published on August 26, 2003 without restaffing. The UID group anticipates releasing subsequent versions of the guideline as needed. The guideline and other information related to UID is available at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/uid/>.]

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c. Component Overview of Tracking Security Risk 1 Non-Nuclear Missiles and Rockets. Based on OSD's interest in the tracking of Security Risk 1 Non-Nuclear Missiles and Rockets, the UITC chair added this subject be added as an agenda item. The Chair tasked the Services to provide briefing on their tracking program to include method of tracking, applicable Service system(s), Automated Information System (AIS) transaction (DLSS, DLMS, other), etc. The following is a brief summary of the Services briefing (Service Briefing Charts are at Enclosure 3):

Army – The Army is using the Worldwide Ammunition Reporting System (WARS) to collect data from these wholesale and retail systems. The system currently collects inventory and in-use data. The system does not collect in-transit data but the Army plans to correct this shortfall in the near future. **Navy** – The Navy is using the Conventional Ammunition Integrated Management System (CAIMS). CAIMS provides worldwide visibility, which includes e.g., lot/serial number, maintenance requirements, container visibility, etc. The Navy is using some DLSS, DLMS transaction as well User Defined File (UDF) transactions. **Air Force** – The Air Force is using the Combat Ammunition System (CAS) and Technical Missile Reporting System (TMRS) systems. CAS is an accountable system that interfaces with 22 external organizations using DLSS transaction. Internally, CAS used UDF transactions. TMRS is a maintenance system that maintains data by e.g., serial number, flight hours, configuration, inspection history, etc. Data is extracted from the TMRS and used in other maintenance systems. Plans are to merge TMRS and CAS to provide an interface between classified (TMRS) and unclassified (CAS) systems to ensure compatibility between the two systems. **Marine Corps** – The Marine Corps is using the Marine Ammunition Reporting System (MARS). MARS is similar to the Navy's Transaction Item Reporting (TIR) process that reports daily transactions.

d. Federal Logistics Information System (FLIS) Unique Item Tracking Designator Code (UITDC). Mr. Dave Osburn of the Defense Logistics Information System presented an overview of the UITDC Compact Disk (CD). The presentation highlighted the layout of the CD, which has a consolidated list of National Stock Numbers (NSN) that have been registered and assigned a UITDC. A user may search by UITDC, part number, serial number, stock class, NIIN, CAGE, etc. Mr. Osburn further stated that the CD is a stopgap measure and that the next step is to develop a web-based tool. The envisioned web-based tool will be incorporated into the FLIS and will include the capability of pushing data to selected Service/Agency accountable systems.

e. Navy Serial Number Tracking (SNT) Briefing. The Navy presented an overview of their efforts associated with retrograde management and Total Asset Visibility. Through the Navy dispersed data warehouse it is able to pull data from various functional management systems. Their primary focus is to pull data real time from their current system to identify the location of SNT assets. Navy's retrograde management incorporates a SNT Web tool that has the capability for tracking carcasses. The carcass may tracked by document number, UITDC, NSN, etc., and has the capability of sending notices on the status and location of carcasses. The SNT Web Tool includes a warranty management module that notifies item managers when a warranty item is returned for repair. The notification ensures that the Navy does not pay for what that is performed under warranty.

Navy also addressed AMCL 12 & 43, Maintaining Accountability of Stocks in Maintenance. Navy suggested that the UITC be used as a forum to push for the use of DLMS transactions to report Component visibility of assets in maintenance. Since the DLMS framework is in place, the issue is the need for maintenance to agree to using DLMS transaction for Defense Inter-Service Maintenance Support Agreement (DISMA) reporting. It was suggested that the Joint Group for Materiel Management (JGMM) in conjunction with the UITC and DLMSO coordinate this issue with maintenance.

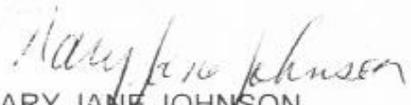
f. Army UIT Initiatives. The Army presented an overview of their current and future Army Serial Number Tracking (ARSNT) Category 1 Munitions Tracking System. The ARSNT is a web-based system comprised of several current systems. Future plans call for a web-based national serial number repository that is near real time (updated approx. every 30 minutes). The system will provide enhanced capabilities to include items on-hand, open and closed transactions, etc. The Army expects to register 20 million major items and approximately 200 + million serial numbers in the coming years.

g. Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Depot UIT Initiatives. The DLA presented an overview of UIT in their Distribution Standard System (DSS). The presentation highlighted the DSS UIT Systems Change Request (SCR) and its various phases. The SCR is based on the use of the DLMS Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) requirements and the services provided by the Defense Automatic Addressing Service Center (DAASC). DLA also discussed the need for AIT capabilities that will complement their UIT program. The program basically call for all of the UITDC items to be tagged and/or packaging marked and Service/Agency (S/A) profile tables in place to accomplish distribution requirements. Included in the discussion was the need for additional management codes to go with the UITDC to identify unique distribution requirements. When the overview was completed DLA reminded the S/A that they needed to identify their DSS UIT functional requirement in order for them to be included in the FY04 functional design.

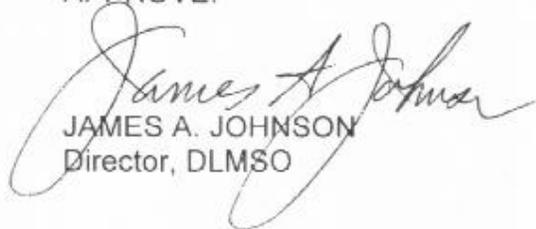
h. Army Aviation Component Tracking Program. The Army Maintenance Management System – Aviation (TAMMS-A) provides cradle to grave tracking of aviation components for maintenance purposes. The TAMMS-A employs a Stakeholders Serialization Process that outlines the functional responsibility for each stakeholder involved in the acquisition, management, tracking, repair, etc. of an item. Based on the stakeholders' relationship the TAMMS-A is considered the authoritative record. The system track approximately 2.7 million parts comprised of 13 million records. Approximately 11 thousand transactions are process weekly. The only drawback to the system is that it is labor intensive (data entry). Future automation will reduce the cost associated with maintaining the system.

i. Wrap-up, Next Meeting: Ms. Johnson thanked all the participants for their attendance and continued support and contributions to the UITC. The briefings

provided during this meeting are available at the DLMSO website:
<http://www.dla.mil/j-6/dlms0/Programs/Committees/UITC/UITC.asp>. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9-10, 2003.


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Enclosures

Unique Item Tracking Committee (UITC) Meeting JUNE 17-18, 2003

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TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2003			
	TOPIC	TIME	LEAD
1	TBD	0800	DLMSO
2	Update on Unique Identifier (UID)	0900	
3	Unique Identifier (UID) Data Model	0930	Maurice Stewart, DoD AIT office
4	Component Overview of Tracking Security Risk Code 1 Non-Nuclear Missiles and Rockets – To include method of tracking, applicable Service system(s), transactions (DLSS, DLMS, Other)	1000	Army Navy Air Force Marine Corps
	LUNCH	1200	
5	Navy Serial Number Tracking Briefing	1300	LCDR Mullins, NAVSUP
6	<p style="text-align: center;">FLIS UIT Designator Overview Briefing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion of issues raised to date: 1) Code assignment when more than one UIT program applies; 2) Assignment made by IMM vs PICA/SICA.</p> <p>Revision to the UIT Program Submission document</p> <p>FLIS UIT Designator Codes</p>	1400	<p>Dave Osburn, DLIS</p> <p>UITC</p> <p>UITC</p>
	...if time permits, begin review of comments to Chapter 19 DLMS UIT Procedures (See Agenda Topic 12)		DLMSO/UITC

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2003			
7	Army UIT Initiatives Briefing	0800-0930	
	BREAK	0930	
8	Distribution Depot UIT Initiatives	0945	Mary Day, DLA HQ
9	<p><u>Agenda Items submitted by DLA:</u> Importance of CONOPS with UIT program proposals.</p> <p>Discussion of Controlled UIT Program Attributes (e.g., BUR, loss/gain/recovery reporting, SV, UII listings to accompany shipment, etc.).</p> <p>Discussion of Current/Planned AIT Capabilities by UIT Program (product and exterior/unit pack markings).</p>	1030	DLA
	LUNCH	11:45	
10	Army Aviation Component Tracking Program Briefing	1230	Kathy Biddlecombe, Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM)
11	<p>Summarize/review comments to: Draft DLMS Chapter 19, Unique Item Tracking Procedures</p> <p>DRAFT PDC to Rename Logistics Qualifier Code "EX" (Small Arms Transaction codes) to Unique Item Tracking Transaction Codes and Expand to accommodate UIT Functionality</p>	1330	DLMSO/Frank St. Mark
	Re-cap of Meeting, Wrap-up, Schedule Next Meeting	1600	
	ADJOURN	1630	