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I—U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND. Effective 1 December 1989, U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), with headquarters, UIC: W45VAA, is activated at Fort Bragg, NC. USASOC will be formed from assets of 1st Special Operations Command and Forces Command.

II—U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND. Effective 1 December 1989, the mission of Headquarters, U.S. Army Special Operations Command is to serve as a major Army command, and as the Army component command of U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). Commander, U.S. Army Special Operations Command will exercise operational control (OPCON) authority as assigned by USCINCSOC, and fulfill service responsibilities of command (less OPCON), as assigned by HQDA, to ensure combat readiness of USCINCSOC-assigned Army Special Forces, 75th Ranger Regiment, Special Operations Aviation, Psychological Operations, Civil Affairs, Special Mission Units, John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, and other CONUS based Active and Army Reserve units as assigned. USASOC prepares subordinate units for worldwide deployment and employment. USASOC oversees and evaluates training of the U.S. Army National Guard (ARNG) Special Operations Forces, in CONUS. USARSOF remains commanded by FORSCOM, and under OPCON of USASOC, during transition to full command and control, until reassigned by HQDA, NLT October 1991.

III—1ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (ABN). Effective 1 December 1989, the 1st Special Operations Command (1st SOCOM) (ABN) with headquarters, UIC: W0V2AA, a major subordinate command of FORSCOM, Department of the Army; and all its subordinate elements are reassigned as a major subordinate command of USASOC.

IV—U.S. ARMY JOHN F. KENNEDY SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER AND SCHOOL. Effective 1 December 1989, service responsibilities of command (less OPCON) for U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS) with headquarters, UIC: W1E0AA, are transferred from TRADOC to USASOC.

V—RESCISSION. Department of the Army General Order No. 39, dated 29 December 1989, is rescinded.

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*This General Order supersedes GO 39, 29 December 1989.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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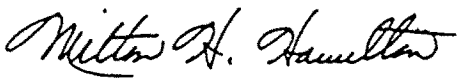

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