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REPLY TO
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80th ASG (NSSG) Policy # 053-01

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Qualification (Training and Testing) for Operation and Handling of Government Buses under the 80th Area Support Group (NSSG)

1. References:

- a. AR 600-55, Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program, 31 Dec 93.
- b. USAREUR Supplement 1 to AR 600-55, The Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program (Selection, Training, Testing, and Licensing), 27 October 1999.
- c. AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, 12 Mar 87.
- d. USAREUR Regulation 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, 30 Aug 90.
- e. 80th ASG (NSSG) Regulation 385-10, Accident Prevention Program, 8 Jan 93.

2. In accordance with the above regulations and in order to increase the Army Safety Program under the 80th ASG (NSSG), it is my decision to establish and conduct an aggressive bus training and testing program to prevent loss of personnel and equipment. Therefore, applicants (soldiers and civilians) for a Government bus driver's license will comply with the following procedures for the safe operation of large vehicles.

3. Drivers will be personally interviewed by the 80th ASG (NSSG) DOL, Drivers Testing Station testing personnel to ensure they demonstrate the correct ability, judgment, and behavior to be a competent bus driver. Drivers assigned to operate a bus will be no less than 21 years old, and will be pre-selected at the Unit level. Qualification training and testing will include sequential and progressive instruction on the operation and handling of all of the U.S. Army buses. Operators will not be authorized to operate a 66-passenger bus unless they are already qualified for smaller buses (17-19-26-44 PAX) under this command. Substantial training for inexperienced drivers will last at least eight hours to minimize the risk of traffic accidents/incidents, and enhance the driver's self confidence. Operators will prove 3 months of experience prior to be trained/tested on a larger vehicle.

4. Program of instruction will include the driver's responsibilities for transportation of persons, vehicle inspection and maintenance, accident avoidance, environmental considerations, off-road operations, and all other additional topics necessary for safe and proficient operation of military buses under the 80th ASG (NSSG).

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5. The proponent office of this memorandum is the 80th ASG (NSSG) DOL, Drivers Testing Station, DSN 423-3603 or civilian 065/443603.



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