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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND GENERAL OPERATIONS

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SUBJECT: FLIGHT PLAN TOLERANCES FOR ALR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONES

- 1. <u>PURPOSE</u>. To provide recommended flight plan tolerances for operation within or into Air Defense Identification Zones.
- 2. <u>DISCUSSION</u>. The air defense of the United States requires maximum adherence to flight plans. Failure to adhere to flight plans may jeopardize the effective identification of aircraft and the national defense effort.

Flights which are operated in excess of the recommended time, distance, and altitude tolerances may be intercepted to confirm identity. Adherence to these tolerances will materially assist the national defense effort by eliminating unnecessary interceptions.

## 3. TOLERANCES.

- a. Five minutes from an estimated time over a reporting point or point of penetration of an ADIZ; or, in the case of a flight originating within an ADIZ, five minutes from the proposed time of departure specified in the flight plan, unless the actual time of departure is reported to the appropriate aeronautical facility.
- b. Ten nautical miles from the center-line of the route of flight if the flight is entering or operating within a domestic ADIZ; or, 20 nautical miles from the center-line of the route of flight if the flight is entering or operating within a coastal ADIZ or DEWIZ.

c. When on a DVFR flight plan or when IFR in uncontrolled airspace descent may be initiated from the altitude specified in the flight plan within a reasonable distance of destination without reporting a change of altitude.

for Lee E. Warren, Director Air Traffic Service