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### VI. STANDARDS

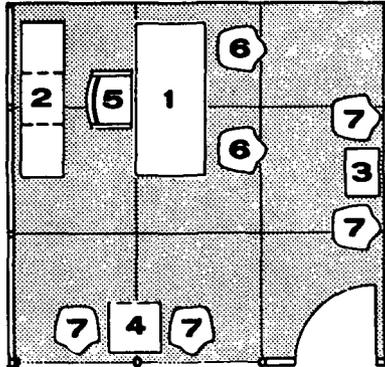
- A. Furnishings for space categories established by DoD Instruction 5305.3 (reference (a)), with the exception of category P-1 and those offices located in its immediate suite for which no standards are prescribed, are shown in enclosures 1 and 2.
- B. The use of wood furniture to equip private office categories P-4 for GS-14's, P-5, and P-6 will be restricted to those offices located in the immediate suite (sharing the same reception area) of private office categories P-1, P-2, P-3, or P-4.
- C. The use of wood furniture to equip open area work stations shall be restricted to the immediate suites of private office categories P-1, P-2, P-3, or P-4.
- D. Selection of colors shall be confined to those offered as standard in the Federal Supply Catalogs and Schedules. However, to facilitate procurement, issue, and interchangeability, the desk chair for each private and open work station will be upholstered in black. Since the desk colors are standardized, walnut for wood and gray for metal, this will achieve common color treatment for the two basic elements of every work station. Carpet, where authorized, will be limited in color to Gold Moresque, Moss Moresque, Neptune Moresque, and Sandstone (Forrestal Building). Additional color treatment of office areas will be achieved through selection of upholstery for other chairs, wall paint or wall covering, and drapery where authorized.
- E. Specialized furniture and equipment requirements associated with specific positions may require deviations or additions to the standard complements prescribed. Such departures will be held to a minimum, using furnishings which are in harmony with the standards.

### VII. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Instruction is effective immediately. Two (2) copies of each implementing document shall be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) within 60 days.

/s/ Robert I. Froehle  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Administration)

# STANDARD FURNISHINGS



	DESCRIPTION	F. S. N.
1	Desk-Double Pedestal - 68 x 38 x 29-1/2	7110-990-8880
2	Back Unit w/2 Doors - 66 x 18 x 29-1/2	7110-762-5513
3	Storage Unit 22 x 18 x 29-1/2	7110-734-5116
4	Occasional Table - 24 x 24 x 17	7110-913-3217
5	Executive Posture Chair	7110-931-4421
6	Guest Revolving Chairs - 25 x 24	PAC-94, Schedule
7	Guest Chairs - 25 x 24	DAG-94, Schedule
8	Carpet	Schedule

Space Category	ASSIGNMENT	Allowance # (Net Sq. Ft.)
P-4	Division Heads in Grades GS-15/14* or Colonel who require private offices, comparable positions Branch Heads in Grades GS-15/14* or Colonel who report to Division Heads in P-3 category and require private offices, comparable positions Deputies to positions in P-3 category, who require private offices Professional or administrative personnel in Grade GS-16 or Brig. Gen. and above who require private offices	200 - 225

## 200 Sq. Ft. Private Office

\*Offices for GS-14's to be furnished as above only when located in the immediate suite of private office categories P-1, P-2, and P-3. See category P-4A.

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# TREASURY AGENT O'HARRA

**AND HIS CUSTOMS COMMANDOS**



**THE NARC vs. NARC**

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# The American Connection

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*No matter how well organized they are, we will be better organized.*

—President Lyndon Johnson, on creating the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

The government has made a certain kind of progress in fighting the drug traffic. There was a time when the dope smuggler, making the deal with Frog One, had to worry that a narc might be watching. Now, the smuggler has to consider that a whole trail of narcs—from the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD), the Bureau of Customs, the new Special Office of Drug Abuse Law Enforcement, the city police, and the state police—may be strung out behind him, all with steely eyes, shoulder holsters, and ham sandwiches, all ready to move in for the bust.

The dope smuggler might get scared at the prospect of so many agencies watching him, except for one detail. It is more likely that Narc One has an eye on Narc Two, who in turn is tailing Narc Three, and so on down

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the line. While the match of wits between the law and the drug trafficker is interesting, it is the jostling between the various government agencies along the trail which demands even more cunning, daring, and attention from the aggressive narc. It would be easy enough for a Customs agent to follow a car of junkies to a bust, except when he considers that at any corner an unmarked BNDD car might squeeze in between him and the seizure, or if he realizes that those junkies themselves might be undercover agents, believing him to be the junkie and enticing him into a trap. Such are the perils of the American connection.

Why do so many agencies follow the same drug dealers? In the genius of a multi-agency approach, each has its own reason. The Treasury men from the old Bureau of Narcotics used to be there because drugs were a tax problem, while the pill people from the Food and Drug Administration were on the street because drugs were a medical problem. President Johnson abolished these agencies in 1968 and established BNDD, in the Justice Department, with jurisdiction over all drug trafficking, because drugs are primarily a law-enforcement problem. Customs agents from Treasury, meanwhile, continue to search out dope because of their special mandate to attack the drug smuggling problem. The enforcers, therefore, have divided their territory through the dictionary, while the underworld defined its turf with a map.

This means that only one junkie will be there to pick up the drugs, but several enforcers may arrive to pick up the junkie. Such a spectacle can be a show of force, in keeping with President Nixon's declaration that drugs are public enemy number one. It also increases the government's chance of stumbling onto something. Finally, the heroin dealer might wonder if he is actually a smuggler, potential prey for Customs—or a trafficker, grist for the BNDD. Customs and BNDD are wondering, too.