DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
1st JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS AIR COMPONENT
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28307-5000

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MEMORANDUM FOR HQ FAA OFFICE OF RULEMAKING

FROM: 1st JSOAC AIRSPACE

SUBJECT: Airport additions to FAA Exemption No. 10724E

1. On behalf of the United States Special Operations Command, I request an amendment of FAA Exemption No. 10724E (Expires 31 May 24). We request to add **Gray Army Airfield (Joint Base Lewis-McChord), WA (KGRF), Alexandria International Airport, LA (KAEX), Self Forward Landing Strip, LA (19LA), Wright Army Airfield (Fort Stewart)/Midcoast Regional Airport, GA (KLHW), and Desert Rock Airport, NV (NV65)** to the list of airports authorized for use as outlined in the exemption. These airfields will be used beginning 6 March 2022. Grant of exemption No. 10724E pertains to 105.17, 105.19 (a) and (b), Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations. The exemption allows for parachute operations with no illumination, through clouds, outside of special use airspace, at and below 1,500' above ground level, at specified airports.

2. Granting an amendment to Exemption No. 10724E, as currently written and approved, supports the interests of national security by allowing JSOC to conduct special training missions in a realistic environment and manner that is conducive to the safe and effective preparations of real world operationsal requirements. The granting of this extension, including its conditions and limitations, ensures a level of safety equal to the level of safety found in 14 CFR 105.17, and 105.19(a) and (b).

4. Please direct any questions to Major Kelli Wood at (910) 951-9257; cell (651) 335-1310 or by email at woodk@socom.mil.

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