



## National Defense: Criteria for Recording Obligations for Defense Stock Fund Purchases Should Be Changed: Afmd-83-54

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