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SUBJECT: Revised Policy on Use of Frequent Flyer Miles
(Ethics Paper #02-01)

1. **Purpose:** To provide guidance on use of frequent flyer miles generated by official travel
2. **Discussion Points:**
 - Revision to travel policy. The National Defense Authorization Act for FY02 significantly changed Federal travel policy by allowing military and civilian personnel to retain promotional items, including frequent flyer miles, earned while traveling in an official capacity.
 - This change applies to promotional items received before, on, or after 31 Dec 2001. However, the promotional material must be obtained under the same terms as those offered to the public and must be at no additional cost to the government.
 - The Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR) and the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) implemented these changes for DOD as of 31 December 2001.
 - Upgrades to First Class. Personnel on official travel may now use frequent flyer miles to upgrade to business or first-class travel. However, the wearing of military uniforms while traveling first-class is strictly prohibited.
 - Ethical Considerations. Attempts to distort travel schedules in order to accrue frequent mileage points, to the extent that they increase the cost of travel to the government, violate the Joint Ethics Regulation and in some cases, may violate criminal conflicts of interest statutes.