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U.S. military forces are operating on a normal basis without any special alert during the current government crisis, the Pentagon said yesterday.

"The activities of our "There would not be any reason for us to do anything differently."

Friedheim said "we have procedures for all sorts of contingencies" but that

there is nothing in the international situation to warrant an alert.

They noted that a transfer of presidential powers would be immediate, leaving no gap in authority at the top to make critical security decisions.

Officials rejected the idea be called out for any domestic purpose in connection with the crisis.

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