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ITEM 1 - Clarification of the Relationships of The Assistant Secretary of Defense (R&D) and The Assistant Secretary of Defense (AE)

For information.

Tab A, attached, is a draft of a Department of Defense Instruction on this subject which will be issued. It is provided for the information of the departmental members of the Policy Council.

ITEM 2 - Establishment of Joint Coordinating Committees on Electronics, Ordnance, Guided Missiles, and Piloted Aircraft.

For action.

The plan designed to clarify the working relationships between the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) (Item 1) provides, among other things, for consolidating the Research and Development and Applications Engineering Coordinating Committees in the areas of electronics, ordnance, guided missiles, and piloted aircraft and reconstituting them as joint R&D and AE Coordinating Committees.

Tab B, attached, is a proposed typical DOD Instruction for such a joint committee. Tabs C through F, attached, are the proposed fields of interest statements for the four joint committees.

The plan also provides for disestablishment of the Research and Development Coordinating Committees on Equipment and Supplies; Tanks, Land and Amphibious Vehicles; and, Marine Craft and Underwater Ordnance and redistribution of projects within their respective fields

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of interest to the new joint committees, other R&D Coordinating Committees, or to Applications Engineering. Tabs G through I, attached, indicate this proposed redistribution.

Tabs B through I are for review and approval by the Policy Council.

ITEM 3 - Policy Re FY 1956 Research and Development Budget

For discussion and action.

The Departments have submitted R&D budget estimates for FY 1956 totalling respectively \$38-million, \$45-million, and \$122-million (Army, Navy, and Air Force) more than the planning figures established by RD 106.6/1, dated 11 May 1954.

It is desired that the Policy Council discuss the treatment to be accorded these over-planning amounts and any other policy questions relative to handling of the FY 1956 budget estimates that the members may have.

An analysis of the FY 1954-FY 1956 budget and fiscal situation (RD 106/60, dated 15 October 1954 (S)) is attached as Tab J, as background for this discussion.

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PROPOSED
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Clarification of the Relationships of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering)

References: (a) DOD Directive 5128.7, subject: "Responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development)", dated 12 November 1953
(b) DOD Directive 5129.1, subject: "Responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering)", dated 8 December 1953

I. PURPOSE

The Secretary of Defense has approved a plan proposed by the Assistant Secretaries of Defense for Research and Development and for Applications Engineering for realigning certain of their operations in the interest of providing more effective working relationships with the military departments in their respective areas of responsibility.

The plan is designed to clarify the working relationships between the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering), and is consistent with the Assistant Secretaries' responsibilities as assigned by references (a) and (b). This instruction provides for its implementation.

II. ESSENTIAL DETAILS OF THE PLAN

A. Coordinating Committees

Under the direction of the Secretary of Defense, the three military departments are individually responsible for planning

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and executing sound departmental technical programs with due regard to the state of the art, the military needs, available resources, and the programs of the other military departments.

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering) are responsible for reviewing their respective portions of these three programs to see that they are well coordinated and that collectively they constitute a sound and integrated over-all Department of Defense program.

To assist the three departments and the Assistant Secretaries in discharging their respective responsibilities, a number of Coordinating Committees have been established by the Assistant Secretaries as staff mechanisms for achieving sound, coordinated, and integrated programs in their respective areas of interest.

Experience to date has shown that although some of these programs are substantially all Applications Engineering (such as Maintenance) and others are substantially all Research and Development (such as General Sciences) most of the programs are Research and Development in one phase and Applications Engineering in another phase.

The programs of joint interest occur mainly in four areas: ordnance, guided missiles, piloted aircraft, and electronics. Accordingly, this plan provides for consolidating the Research and Development and Applications Engineering Coordinating Committees in these areas and reconstituting them as joint Research and Development and Applications Engineering Committees.

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Management of the four new Committees will be divided between the two offices. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) will manage the joint Committees on Piloted Aircraft and Guided Missiles and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering) will manage those on Electronics and Ordnance. Management includes the designation of the committee chairman and the provision of committee secretary. These joint committees will report to both Assistant Secretaries for action by them in their respective areas of responsibility. DOD Instructions reconstituting the Coordinating Committees in these four areas along these lines are being issued.

The other Research and Development and Applications Engineering Coordinating Committees will be continued as at present or reconstituted with such adjustments in their respective fields of interest and in reporting channels as may be required to bring them into line with the plan. In this connection, development work on certain types of mechanical equipment and supplies will be concentrated in Applications Engineering Committees. Each Assistant Secretary of Defense office will maintain such representation in the committees of the other office as may be appropriate.

Each Assistant Secretary will pursue such studies and investigations within his field of interest as he sees fit, with the understanding that when such studies or investigations directly

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affect the other Assistant Secretary or the established Committees, the action contemplated will be coordinated either formally or informally as appropriate.

B. Technical Advisory Panels

The present Research and Development Technical Advisory Panels will be continued and will be available for advice to both Assistant Secretaries.

C. Policy Councils

The Applications Engineering Policy Council is being discontinued. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering) and his Deputy will be a member and deputy member respectively of the Research and Development Policy Council. Departmental representation on this Council will be adjusted as appropriate to cover engineering as well as research and development policy matters.

D. Preparation of Research and Development Budgets and Approval of Departmental Programs for the Obligation of Research and Development Funds

Procedures for preparation of Research and Development budgets and for the approval of departmental programs for the obligation of Research and Development funds will continue as at present except that the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development), in recommending approval of these programs to the Secretary of Defense, will obtain the concurrence of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering).

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III. GENERAL

Nothing herein is intended to modify the responsibilities or fields of interest of the Assistant Secretaries of Defense for Research and Development and Applications Engineering as covered by the referenced Directives or to limit their fields of interest to subject matter covered by Research and Development funds.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This instruction is effective as of the date of issue.

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