



Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT Responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Research and Development)

- Refs.: (a) DoD Directive 5128.7, "Responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development)", November 12, 1953
- (b) DoD Instruction 5100.3, "Clarification of the Relationships of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering)", October 27, 1954, and the associated DoD Instructions establishing individual coordinating committees, including 5100.4-5100.7, inclusive; 5128.1, 5128.2, 5128.12, 5128.18; 5129.2, 5129.3, 5129.11, and 3200.1, 3200.2 and 3230.2
- (c) DoD Instruction 5100.12, "Responsibilities of the Assistant Secretaries of Defense (International Security Affairs) and (Research and Development) for the Mutual Weapons Development Program", September 6, 1956

AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and by Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1953, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) shall, in addition to such responsibilities as may be hereafter assigned, have the responsibilities specified in the above references, to the extent that they are consistent with those set forth in the attached memorandum. The provisions of the attached memorandum shall prevail in the event of any inconsistencies.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of the Army
The Secretary of the Navy
The Secretary of the Air Force
The Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Comptroller)
The Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Applications Engineering)
The Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Research and Development)

SUBJECT: Assignment of Responsibility for Review and Approval
of Research and Development Programs and Projects.

Confirming and clarifying the existing assignment of responsibility for the review and approval of research and development programs and projects, as to their technological aspects, the following assignment of responsibilities is reaffirmed.

Review and Approval of Research and Development Projects and Items
Funded from R&D Appropriations

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (R&D) and Assistant Secretary of Defense (AE) shall be responsible for review and approval of research and development projects and items that are funded wholly or in part from R&D appropriations in accordance with responsibilities assigned by DOD Instruction No. 5100.3 dated October 27, 1954, on Clarification of the Relationships of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (AE) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (R&D); and the associated DOD Instructions for individual Coordinating Committees.

The above review and approval activities shall be conducted in accordance with the DOD Instructions establishing the individual Coordinating Committees.

Review and Approval of Development Projects and Items Funded from
Procurement and Production Appropriations

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (AE) shall be responsible for the review and approval of development projects and items submitted

by the military departments in support of annual budget estimates, annual apportionment requests and interim reprogramming proposals, and funded from Procurement and Production appropriations.

The procedures for conducting the above review and approval activities will be those now established by existing agreement with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and with the three Military Departments.

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