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

- References: (a) *Cancelled* ✓ DOD Directives 5128.7, dtd 12 November 1953, and 5128.11, dtd October 4, 1956, "Responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development)."
- (b) DOD Directives 5129.1, dtd 8 December 1953, and 5129.4, dtd October 4, 1956, "Responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Engineering)."
- (c) ✓ DOD Instruction 5100.3, dtd 27 October 1954, "Clarification of the Relationships of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Engineering)."

I. 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 positions of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Engineering) are hereby combined into the single position of an Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering). The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) shall have responsibilities as assigned by this directive.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Providing advice and assistance to the Secretary of Defense and his staff on Department of Defense policies,

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plans, and programs in the fields of research, engineering and development, including advice with regard to trends in scientific research relating to national security and the measures necessary to assure continuing and increasing progress.

- B. Developing the policies and procedures required to assure that the research programs and projects of the military departments and other DOD agencies are sound and integrated and give appropriate emphasis to the basic and applied research required for the introduction of new types of weapons and equipment; and to assure that the nation's best scientific and technical talents are applied to the planning and prosecution of military programs.
- C. Developing the policies and procedures required to assure that development programs and projects for weapons and military equipment planned by the military departments and other DOD agencies for service use meet the objectives without impairment to military effectiveness of (1) attainment of minimum number of types and sizes of weapon and equipment systems with least cost, effort and time; (2) sound design, including such factors as producibility, reliability, mobility, transportability, simplicity of operation, ease of maintenance, simplicity in logistics support and conservation of critical materials.
- D. Reviewing and recommending the approval or disapproval of research programs and projects and development programs and projects of the military departments and other DOD agencies, which support budget estimates and apportionment requests and making recommendations to the Secretary of Defense for allocations from the research and development Emergency Fund.
- E. Recommending the assignment of specific research and development programs and projects to a military department whenever it appears that military effectiveness may be increased, unwarranted duplication eliminated, and efficiency and economy promoted.
- F. Developing policies and procedures in the field of maintenance engineering for weapons and military equipment to the end that the requirements of

economical and efficient maintenance will receive adequate attention during the design and production engineering phases of development and that maintenance and modification programs and operations of the military departments will be adequately planned and implemented; including the policies and procedures for the initial provisioning of spares and repair parts, and the timely availability of technical information, supporting facilities, equipment, and trained personnel needed for the maintenance of weapons and military equipment.

- G. Enhancing the contribution of research, engineering and development programs to strategy by means of continuous interchange of information in these fields at appropriate levels with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the military departments; by furnishing research, engineering and development information necessary for the development of joint strategic objectives and estimates; and by advising the Joint Chiefs of Staff when it seems desirable to establish joint requirements.
- H. Exercising administrative direction of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group and assuring that this group is responsive to the JCS and the OSD for operations analysis service.
- I. Developing policies and procedures for promoting the conservation and efficient utilization of materials in development and procurement programs of the military departments.
- J. Recommending policy for the Department of Defense, and representing or arranging for representation of the Department of Defense, with other governmental, non-governmental and international organizations on research, engineering or development matters of mutual interest or responsibility.
- K. Collaborating with the other Assistant Secretaries of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other agencies within the Office of the Secretary of Defense on matters in which there exists a mutual interest or responsibility.

III. DELEGATION

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) is hereby authorized to obtain such reports and information

from the military departments as he may determine necessary to carry out the above responsibilities; and is authorized and expected to insure effective implementation by the military departments of established Department of Defense policies, plans and programs within his field of responsibility.

In the performance of these functions, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) will, to the extent practicable, utilize the advice, assistance and appropriate facilities of the military departments. Such utilization shall not, however, be so construed or so utilized as to circumvent the established command channels through the secretaries of the military departments for the formal communication of approved policies, plans or other directives.

IV. CANCELLATION

References (a), (b) and (c) are superseded and canceled. This Directive likewise supersedes all other unreferenced directives, instructions, and memoranda to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith. Formal action to cancel or modify all such unreferenced documents will be taken as soon as practicable.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



Secretary of Defense