

1 **“§ 191. Common supply and service activities**

2 “(a)(1) In any case in which the Secretary of Defense
3 determines such action would be more effective, economical,
4 or efficient, he may provide for the performance of a supply
5 or service activity which is common to more than one mili-
6 tary department by a single agency of the Department of
7 Defense.

8 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall establish within the
9 Department of Defense a Defense Agency or a Department
10 of Defense Field Activity to perform any supply or service
11 activity referred to in paragraph (1).

12 “(b) The Secretary of Defense shall assign responsibility
13 for the overall supervision of each supply or service agency
14 referred to in subsection (a) to the Deputy Secretary of De-
15 fense, an Under Secretary of Defense, an Assistant Secretary
16 of Defense, the Comptroller of the Department of Defense,
17 the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, or the
18 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In discharging such
19 responsibility, an official assigned such a responsibility shall
20 advise the Secretary of Defense on the extent to which the
21 program recommendations and budget proposals of such
22 supply or service agency conform with the material require-
23 ments of the military departments and the operational re-
24 quirements of the unified and specified combatant commands.
25 This subsection shall not apply to the Defense Intelligence
26 Agency and the National Security Agency.