

(3) the justification for [the policy and] such policy, missions, and structure.

(f) When a vacancy occurs in an office within the Department of Defense and the person appointed to that office is to be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Secretary of Defense shall inform the President of the qualifications needed by an appointee to carry out effectively the duties and responsibilities of that office.

(g) The Secretary of Defense, with the approval of the President, shall provide annually to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff written policy guidance for the preparation and review of contingency plans.

(h) The Secretary of Defense shall keep the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force informed on military operations and activities of the Department of Defense that directly affect their respective responsibilities.

### § [133b. Sale or transfer of defense articles: reports to Congress]

(NOTE: Section 133b is relocated to chapter 165 as section 2780.)

### § 134. Office of the Secretary of Defense

(a) There is in the Department of Defense an Office of the Secretary of Defense. The function of the Office is to assist the Secretary of Defense in carrying out his duties and responsibilities.

(b) The Office of the Secretary of Defense is composed of the following:

- (1) The Deputy Secretary of Defense.
- (2) The Under Secretaries of Defense.
- (3) The Assistant Secretaries of Defense.
- (4) The Comptroller of the Department of Defense.
- (5) The Director of Operational Test and Evaluation.
- (6) The General Counsel of the Department of Defense.
- (7) The Inspector General of the Department of Defense.
- (8) Such other offices and officers as the Secretary of Defense may establish or designate.

(c) Officers of the armed forces may be detailed for duty as assistants or personal aides to the Secretary of Defense. However, the Secretary may not establish a military staff other than that designated by section 151(d) of this title.

(d) The Secretary of each military department, his civilian assistants, and members of the armed forces under the jurisdiction of his department shall cooperate fully with personnel of the Office of the Secretary of Defense to achieve efficient administration of the Department of Defense and to carry out effectively the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense.

### § [134] 135. Deputy Secretary of Defense: appointment; powers and duties; precedence

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