

§ [135] 136. Under Secretaries of Defense: appointment; powers and duties; precedence

(a) There are two Under Secretaries of Defense, one of whom shall be the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and one of whom shall be the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. The Under Secretaries of Defense shall be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. [A person may not be appointed Under Secretary of Defense for Policy within ten years after relief from active duty as a commissioned officer of a regular component of an armed force.]

(b)(1) The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

(2) The Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering shall perform such duties relating to research and engineering as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe, including—

[(1)] (A) being the principal adviser to the Secretary on scientific and technical matters;

[(2)] (B) supervising all research and engineering activities in the Department of Defense; and

[(3)] (C) directing, controlling, assigning, and reassigning research and engineering activities that the Secretary considers need centralized management.

(c) The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy takes precedence in the Department of Defense after the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Secretaries of the military departments. The Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering takes precedence in the Department of Defense immediately after the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

§ [136] 137. Assistant Secretaries of Defense: appointment; powers and duties; precedence

(a) There are eleven Assistant Secretaries of Defense, appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b)(1) The Assistant Secretaries shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

[(2)] One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. He shall have as his principal duty the overall supervision of health affairs of the Department of Defense.

[(3)] One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Logistics. He shall have as his principal duty the overall supervision of manpower and logistics affairs of the Department of Defense.]

[(4)] (2) One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. He shall have as his principal duty the overall supervision of reserve component affairs of the Department of Defense.

[(5)] One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence. He shall have as his principal duty the overall supervi-