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FUNCTIONS OF UNDER SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF THE ARMY

1. General.—Subject to the direction and control of the Secretary of the Army, the Under Secretary and the Assistant Secretaries of the Army are authorized, each within his respective field of responsibility as delineated below, to act for and with the authority of the Secretary of the Army. This authority extends not only to actions within the Army Establishment but also to relationships with other elements of the Department of Defense, with other departments and agencies of the Government, with Members of Congress, with State officials, with civic organizations, with the press, and with private citizens on matters concerning activities subject to their supervision. Officers of the Army shall report to the Secretary, Under Secretary and the two Assistant Secretaries of the Army, respectively, regarding the matters prescribed below in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 (b) of the Army Organization Act of 1950. Pursuant to Section 102 (b) of the Army Organization Act of 1950, the Under Secretary, in the absence of the Secretary, shall perform the duties of the Secretary; in the absence of the Secretary and the Under Secretary, the Assistant Secretaries in the order fixed by their length of service as such, shall perform the duties of the Secretary.

2. Under Secretary of the Army.—He is responsible to the Secretary of the Army for direction and supervision over: research and development; industrial mobilization; procurement planning and programming; implementation of all approved procurement and production; storage, distribution, maintenance and disposal of all military supplies and equipment; transportation, signal communications, medical, military construction, and other service activities of the heads of the technical services; the *Mutual Defense Assistance Program* and other foreign military aid programs. He is also responsible to the Secretary of the Army for direction and supervision over a number of collateral activities, including renegotiation affairs, the settlement of contract appeals; contractual and damage claims; acquisition, management, and disposal of real property; personal property transactions; industrial labor relations; and other activities of a military and non-military nature as delegated to him by the Secretary of the Army. He serves as the Department of the Army representative on the Munitions Board, as one of the two Department of the Army members on the Research and Development Board, and as President of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice.

3. Assistant Secretary of the Army (General Management).—He acts as general assistant to the Secretary of the Army. He is designated as the Assistant Secretary to whom the Comptroller of the Army is directly responsible under the provisions of Section 402 (b) of the National Security Act of 1947 as amended by Public Law 216, 81st Congress. He is responsible to the Secretary of the Army for: direction and supervision over the performance within the Army establishment of all functions assigned or delegated to the Comptroller of the Army, including those contemplated by Title IV, Public Law 216, 81st Congress; program management of the Army including program development, review and analysis, and the review and approval of Army program directives from the standpoint of proper balance among Army Programs; budget management; review of ma-

tériel, manpower and facilities requirements to insure agreement with over-all programs of the Army, and computations thereunder to insure consistency with the budget; the administration of guaranteed loans, advance payments, and related matters in support of procurement activities; fiscal and accounting management; all management engineering programs, services and activities, including the Management Improvement Program pursuant to Executive Order 10072, dated 29 July 1949; the preparation of the Semi-Annual Report of the Secretary of the Army; activities of the Army Efficiency Awards Committee; the business aspects of the operation of the Panama Canal, including the Canal Zone Government and the Panama Canal Company; the activities of the Army Policy Council, in his capacity as Executive Secretary; and general supervision over all Army historical functions. He serves as the Army member on the Department of Defense Management Committee. He advises the Secretary on politico-military affairs and civil defense matters.

4. **Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Forces).**—He is responsible to the Secretary of the Army for direction and supervision over the following: manpower as a resource and personnel as individuals, including both military and civilian; integration of the military and civilian portions of the Army Manpower Program; all matters relating to the civilian components of the Army; public relations activities of the Department of the Army; all civil affairs and military government functions including Army administration of Occupied Areas; disciplinary barracks and the custody of military prisoners; the operations of the Review Board Council and its component boards, including the Army Discharge Review Board, the Army Disability Review Board, the Army Personnel Board, the Army Decorations Board, the Army Board of Review, and the Army Physical Disability Appeal Board. He serves as the Army member of the Manpower and Personnel Council and the Reserve Forces Policy Board of the Department of Defense.

5. **Rescission.**—DA General Orders 17, 1950, is rescinded.

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