

the Air Force, and Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency, subject: ARPA Programs, June 11, 1959

I. Purpose

This directive establishes policies and assigns responsibilities for research, development, test, and engineering of satellites, anti-satellites, space probes and supporting systems therefor, for all components of the Department of Defense.

II. Policy and assignment of responsibilities

A. Each military department and Department of Defense agency is authorized to conduct preliminary research to develop new ways of using space technology to perform its assigned function. The scope of such research shall be defined by the Director of Defense Research and Engineering in terms of expenditure limitations and other appropriate conditions.

B. Proposals for research and development of space programs and projects beyond the defined preliminary research stage shall be submitted to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering for review and determination as to whether such proposals, when transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, will be recommended for approval. Any such proposal will become a Department of Defense space development program or project only upon specific approval by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

C. Research, development, test, and engineering of Department of Defense space development programs or projects, which are approved hereafter, will be the responsibility of the Department of the Air Force.

D. Exceptions to paragraph C will be made by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense only in unusual circumstances.

E. The Director of Defense Research and Engineering will maintain a current summary of approved Department of Defense space development programs and projects.

III. Cancellation

Reference (a), except as to the assignments of specific projects made therein, and references (b) and (c) are hereby cancelled.

IV. Effective date

This directive is effective upon publication. Instructions implementing this directive will be issued within thirty (30) days.

ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, *Secretary of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTIVE FOR DEVELOPING OF MILITARY SPACE SYSTEMS

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara today announced policies and assignments of responsibilities for development of military space systems. The Secretary stated that the policies and assignments were being made after a careful review of the military portion of the national space program had shown that the program could be much improved by better organization and clearer assignment of responsibility.

The policies and assignments cover research, development, test and engineering of satellites, anti-satellites, space probes and supporting systems for all components of the Department of Defense and are set forth in a new Department of Defense Directive, Number 5160.32.

The Directive deals solely with research and development. The actual assignment of operational responsibilities for space systems will be made by the Secretary of Defense on a project-by-project basis as a particular project approaches the operational stage, and will take into account the requirements of each of the Services and the Unified and Specified Commands.