

Transfer of responsibility for administration of the Defense-wide standardization program to the Office of Standardization and Technical Data Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (installations and logistics) in June 1964.

Designation of the Secretary of the Army as the single manager of the combined military traffic and terminal management missions in November 1964. This responsibility embraces land-traffic management, the control of movement of men and materiel into and out of air and ocean terminals, and the management of common-user ocean terminals. The result was elimination of DSA's responsibility for traffic management in February 1965.

Transfer of management responsibilities for nonaircraft tires and tubes to the Army's Tank Automotive Center in August 1965. The more significant additions to our mission or functions have been:

The assignment in March 1963 of responsibilities for management of Defense-owned industrial plant equipment. This assignment resulted in the establishment of the Defense Industrial Plant Equipment Center to classify and identify items of industrial plant equipment; develop an inventory recording and reporting system for industrial plant equipment; develop and maintain a central inventory of all but specifically exempt DOD industrial plant equipment; screen proposed new procurement of industrial plant equipment against the central inventory in the inventory available for use in lieu of procurement; and arrange for storage, movement, preservation, and rebuild of idle industrial plant equipment.

Assignment to DSA in November 1963 of responsibility for the development and implementation of integrated systems for management information and technical documentation in support of the DOD scientific and technical information program. Accordingly, the Defense Documentation Center was established and activated to receive, store, and make available scientific and technical information to the Defense research and engineering community, and to operate a series of computerized data banks of work units of research and technology being accomplished for Defense.

Assignment to DSA in June 1964 of responsibility for performance of nationwide contract administration services for the entire Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This was the largest single addition to our responsibility.

Although not a change in mission, DSA's item management responsibility has been increased significantly since 1963 by the transfer of many thousands of items from military services management to DSA management. In broad terms, items which are major end items, repairable items, items which are unstable in design, and items which are critical to service missions have been retained for management by the services. Items which are consumable, covered by fully coordinated specifications or industrial standards, or commercially available have been transferred to DSA. As a result, DSA will have been transferred, by the end of fiscal year 1968, over 467,000 additional items which formerly had been managed by the military services.