



## ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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## LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
 THE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE  
 THE GENERAL COUNSEL  
 THE SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
 THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
 THE DIRECTORS OF OFFICES, OSD

SUBJECT: Coordination of Informational Material for Public Release

- References:
- (a) Department of Defense Directive 5122.2, 27 July 1951, "Functions of Security Review Branch".
  - (b) Department of Defense Directive C-5230.3, 21 May 1952.
  - (c) Department of Defense Directive 5230.4, 26 November 1952, "Release of Information on Atomic Energy, Guided Missiles and New Weapons".
  - (d) Department of Defense Directive 5230.9, 29 March 1955, "Clearance of Department of Defense Public Information".
  - (e) Memorandum for the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Legislative and Public Affairs, dated May 10, 1955, Subject: "Public Affairs".

1. The Director of the Office of Security Review, under the Deputy for Public Affairs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative and Public Affairs), is charged by References (a), (b) and (c) with clearance for public release of specific types of informational material originating within the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Military Departments. It is specifically charged by References (a) and (b) with coordination of security review business with the White House, Department of State, Atomic Energy Commission and other appropriate Federal agencies.

2. This memorandum is intended to supplement and clarify the authority for coordinations granted in the above references.

3. All informational material intended for public release originating in the Office of the Secretary of Defense or the Military Departments relating to atomic energy, guided missiles, all new weapons and chemical, biological and radiological warfare will be coordinated with appropriate agencies by the Office of Security Review.

4. The Director of the Office of Security Review will be responsible for necessary coordination and for clearance for security and policy of all material submitted to it for review in accordance with provisions of Reference (d).

5. The Director of the Office of Security Review will be responsible for coordination of the information material listed in paragraph 3 above with appropriate agencies within the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Military Departments and with appropriate agencies outside the Department of Defense, such as the Department of State, Atomic Energy Commission, Central Intelligence Agency, etc.

6. The Director of the Office of Security Review will be responsible for the clearance of specific items of a security review nature or for the development of guidance criteria for security review and public information purposes.



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