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SUBJECT: Delegations of Authority to the Secretaries of the Military Departments -
Inventions and Patents

- References: (a) DoD Directive 5535.2, "Secrecy of Certain Inventions and Withholding of Patent; Delegations of Authority to Secretaries of Army, Navy, and Air Force," September 30, 1966 (hereby canceled)
- (b) Section 133(d) of title 10, United States Code
 - (c) Sections 181, 182, and 184 of title 35, United States Code

1. REISSUANCE

This Directive reissues reference (a).

2. PURPOSE

2.1. Under the provisions of reference (b), I hereby delegate to the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force all powers conferred upon the Secretary of Defense under reference (c) with respect to the secrecy of certain inventions and the withholding of patents.

2.2. The said delegates may redelegate this authority to a patent advisory board under the management control of the Department of the Army.


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