**Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering)**

PL 95-140, 21 October 1977, created this position to replace the director of research and engineering. Succeeded by the under secretary of defense (acquisition) in 1986.


**JAMES P. WADE, JR.** Acting under secretary of defense for research and engineering, 1 December 1984-5 July 1985.


**Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E)**

Position created by PL 85-599, 6 August 1958, the Defense Reorganization Act of 1958, which abolished the position of assistant secretary of defense (research and engineering) and gave this position a higher status.

- Harold Brown 8 May 1961-30 September 1965
- John S. Foster, Jr. 1 October 1965-21 June 1973
- William J. Perry 11 April 1977-21 October 1977

The deputy director of defense (research and engineering) was designated an assistant secretary of defense for the period 19 May 1961 to 15 July 1965.

- Eugene G. Fubini 3 July 1963-15 July 1965