

Civil Defense

Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1958, 1 July 1958, transferred to the president the civil defense functions formerly assigned to the Federal Civil Defense Administration. The president delegated these functions to the secretary of defense by Executive Order 10952, 20 July 1961.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civil Defense)

Position created 31 August 1961, and abolished 1 April 1964.

Steuart L. Pittman

20 September 1961-1 April 1964

The Office of Civil Defense moved to the secretary of the Army in 1964. The Defense Civil Preparedness Agency then assumed responsibility for civil defense. When Reorganization Plan No. 3, 19 June 1978, led to the dissolution of this agency on 15 July 1979, the director of the new Federal Emergency Management Agency assumed responsibility for civil defense.