

International Security

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)

Between 1947 and 1949, one of the three special assistants to the secretary of defense, positions established by the National Security Act of 1949, PL 80-253, 26 July 1947, handled international security affairs. In 1949 the secretary of defense created the position of assistant to the secretary of defense for international security affairs.

John H. Ohly	27 March 1949-1 December 1949
Maj. Gen. James H. Burns	6 December 1949-27 August 1951
Frank C. Nash	28 August 1951-10 February 1953

Position changed in 1953 to assistant secretary of defense (international security affairs), based on Reorganization Plan No. 6, 30 June 1953, authorizing six new assistant secretaries of defense.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)

Frank C. Nash	11 February 1953-28 February 28, 1954
H. Struvel Hensel	5 March 1954-30 June 1955
Gordon Gray	14 July 1955-27 February 1957
Mansfield D. Sprague	28 February 1957-3 October 1958
John N. Irwin II	4 October 1958-20 January 1961
Paul H. Nitze	29 January 1961-29 November 1963
William P. Bundy	29 November 1963-14 March 1964
John T. McNaughton	1 July 1964-19 July 1967
Paul C. Warnke	1 August 1967-15 February 1969
G. Warren Nutter	4 March 1969-30 January 1973
Lawrence Eagleburger (Acting)	31 January 1973-10 May 1973
Robert C. Hill	11 May 1973-5 January 1974
Vice Adm. Ray Peet (Acting)	6 January 1974-1 April 1974
Amos A. Jordan (Acting)	2 April 1974-4 June 1974
Robert Ellsworth	5 June 1974-22 December 1975
Amos A. Jordan (Acting)	23 December 1975-5 May 1976
Eugene V. McAuliffe	6 May 1976-1 April 1977
David E. McGiffert	4 April 1977-20 January 1981
Francis J. West, Jr.	4 April 1981-1 April 1983
Richard L. Armitage (Acting)	2 April 1983-5 June 1983
Richard L. Armitage	5 June 1983-5 June 1989
Henry S. Rowen	26 June 1989-31 July 1991
James R. Lilley	12 December 1991-20 January 1993

Position abolished in 1993.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Regional Security Affairs)

Established on 6 July 1993 by Defense Directive 5111.7. Principal assistant and adviser to the under secretary of defense (policy) for the coordination of regional security strategy and policy and political-military policy on issues relating to foreign governments and their defense establishments, but not including states of the former Soviet Union.

Charles Freeman	6 July 1993-11 April 1994
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The title of this position reverted to assistant secretary of defense (international security affairs) on 11 April 1994.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)

Position reestablished in 1994.

Charles Freeman	11 April 1994-14 September 1994
Joseph S. Nye, Jr.	15 September 1994-16 December 1995
Franklin D. Kramer	29 March 1996-16 February 2001
Peter W. Rodman	16 July 2001-

Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy)

New position created in April 1981. Position responsible for all political-military activity involving NATO, other European countries, and the USSR, previously under the assistant secretary of defense (international security affairs). Reported to the under secretary of defense (policy).

Position abolished in 1993, reestablished in 1994.

Richard N. Perle	5 August 1981-8 May 1987
Ronald F. Lehman	18 February 1988-11 May 1989
Stephen J. Hadley	23 June 1989-20 January 1993

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Nuclear Security and Counterproliferation)

Ashton B. Carter	30 June 1993-13 June 1994
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Position established on 6 July 1993 by DoD Directive 5111.5 to replace the ASD (ISP). The title of this position reverted on 13 June 1994 to assistant secretary of defense (international security policy), reporting to the under secretary of defense (policy).

Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy)

Ashton B. Carter	13 June 1994-14 September 1996
Franklin C. Miller (Acting)	14 September 1996-1998
(Position vacant)	1998-2001
Jack D. Crouch II	6 August 2001-31 October 2003

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy and Threat Reduction)

Position established on 6 July 1993, as assistant secretary of defense (strategy, requirements, and resources). The title subsequently changed to assistant secretary of defense (strategy and requirements) and then to assistant secretary of defense (strategy and threat reduction). Position dropped in 2001.

Edward L. Warner	1 June 1993-29 September 2000
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Assistant Secretary of Defense (Policy and Plans)

Position established on 6 July 1993. Disestablished 15 March 1994.

Graham Allison	6 August 1993-15 March 1994
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