

***Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict****Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict)*

Position mandated by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987 (PL 99-661, 14 November 1986). Position officially established on 4 January 1988, by Defense Directive 5138.3. Assists under secretary of defense (policy) in development of policy and plans for low-intensity conflict activities and special operations, including civil affairs and psychological operations.

Charles S. Whitehouse	13 July 1988-12 July 1989
Seth Cropsey (Acting)	13 July 1989-18 October 1989
James R. Locher	19 October 1989-19 June 1993
H. Allen Holmes	18 November 1993-30 April 1999
Brian E. Sheridan	7 May 1999-12 January 2001
(Position vacant)	2001-2003
Thomas W. O'Connell	23 July 2003-