

Unified Commands
Component Commands

STATE DEPARTMENT

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY is responsible for coordinating policy, plans, and programs of all departments and agencies involved in security assistance activities. The Under Secretary of State, although subordinate to the Deputy Secretary of State, has direct access to the Secretary of State for security assistance matters.

The AECB is chaired by the Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance and is composed of representatives for the executive branch departments, such as NSC, DOD, JCS, State, AID, CIA, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Office of Management and Budget, and Treasury, which are involved in security assistance matters. With minimum paperwork these representatives can bring issues concerning security assistance to a level at which decisions can be made. Through the AECB, a closer tie is made between military assistance and military-related supporting assistance. This encourages mutually supporting programs and increases the efficiency of the US Security Assistance Program.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOD has a major responsibility to assist selected countries to maintain internal security (fig 6-3). In fulfilling this responsibility, DOD assists these nations in achieving a proper balance of their military capabilities to meet external and internal threats.

The purpose of the DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE COUNCIL, which consists of key personnel from within DOD, is to advise the Secretary of Defense on security assistance matters and to insure these matters are fully coordinated within DOD.

Within DOD, the Secretary of Defense has delegated his authority to act on all DOD-related security assistance matters to the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS (ASD/ISA). The ASD/ISA is the principal staff assistant to the Secretary of Defense in the fundamental field of international security as prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. His functions include:

- Formulating comprehensive DOD security assistance programs, including plans, policies, and priorities for approval by the Secretary of Defense.
- Insuring, through coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), that the Security Assistance Program is integrated within the DOD Planning, Programing, and Budgeting System.
- Serving as the principal DOD point of contact and policy spokesman relating to security assistance.