

To perform these major functions, security assistance personnel - -

- Maintain liaison with host government defense and military establishments.
- Operate with the host country military, primarily at the national level, interpreting US policies, resolving problems pertaining to delivery of materiel, and obtaining technical assistance for defective materiel.
- Provide host governments with information necessary to make decisions concerning acquisition, use, and required training involved in obtaining defense articles and services from the United States through security assistance programs.
- Obtain information needed to evaluate host military capability to employ and maintain equipment being requested and to process the foreign security assistance proposals of foreign governments.
- Maintain a continuing dialogue with host country defense officials on military matters such as threat, host country capabilities, and other matters related to US goals.

PREPARATION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL

Security assistance personnel need a wide array of skills to handle the diversity of activities encompassed in security assistance operations and to cope with different cultures. They must have a broad educational foundation that will permit them to fully understand their own social system as means to a better appreciation of the social systems of developing nations. Geographic and cultural area study programs can contribute to an understanding of the particular society in which they will be working. Language training is of major importance when face-to-face contact is a significant part of their assignment. The DOD system for training security assistance personnel is designed to provide the specialized education necessary for assignment to developing nations.

The selection and training of security assistance personnel is specifically delineated in DOD Directive 2000.10, Selection and Training of Security Assistance Personnel. An Army career specialty program, the Foreign Area Officer Program, provides a means for procuring and training specially qualified personnel for security assistance positions. Security assistance personnel may also be selected from other fully qualified individuals.

RELATIONSHIPS OF ADVISORY PERSONNEL

RELATIONSHIP WITH MAAG. The US Army advisory element will normally operate as part of a MAAG organization either as an element of the Army section if it