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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Navy patent program; primary support responsibility for

Ref: (a) 10 USC 5151
(b) SECNAVINST 5430.20B of 18 Nov 1969, subj: Office of Naval Research
(c) SECNAVINST 5430.25C of 21 Jun 1966, subj: Office of the General Counsel
(d) NavCompt Manual, Vol. 7, para 075120

1. Purpose. This instruction assigns primary support responsibility for the Navy patent program to the Office of Naval Research.
2. Cancellation. SECNAV Instruction 5430.76 of 3 December 1965 is hereby superseded.
3. Authority. Pursuant to the authority contained in reference (a), the Office of Naval Research is delegated responsibility for the supervision, administration, and control of all activities within or on behalf of the Department of the Navy relating to patents, inventions, trademarks, copyrights, royalty payments, and matters connected therewith. Reference (b) implements this responsibility by authorizing the Chief of Naval Research to establish such offices in the systems commands and other naval activities as he shall deem necessary to carry out his functions with respect to the control of patent and related matters; appoint qualified persons to serve as Patent Counsel to furnish all necessary legal advice and services in regard to problems relating solely to the foregoing matters except for procurement matters as set forth in reference (c); and promulgate requisite implementing directives. These responsibilities comprise the Navy patent program.
4. Policy. The Office of Naval Research has primary support responsibility, including management and technical direction, personnel ceiling control, and financial responsibility, for the Navy patent program. Administrative support services, in accordance with reference (d), will be furnished by activities to which patent personnel are assigned.

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Under Secretary of the Navy

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