

**§ 504. Delegation of authority by Secretary of Defense; contributions for support**

The Secretary of Defense is authorized, in his discretion, to transfer to the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Navy, and to retransfer from either of such Secretaries to the other or to the Secretary of the Air Force, all, or any part of, the authority granted by sections 501 and 502 of this title; and, in connection with any such transfer or retransfer, to transfer all or any part of the funds available for the establishment and support of the joint long-range proving ground for guided missiles and other weapons. The Secretary of Defense is further authorized to permit, to the extent that he may deem appropriate, the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force to contribute, with or without reimbursement, to the establishment and support of the joint long-range proving ground for guided missiles authorized by this chapter, by the loan, assignment, or transfer of personnel, supplies, equipment, and services.

(May 11, 1949, ch. 98, § 4, 63 Stat. 66.)

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**SUBCHAPTER I—CONSTRUCTION OF WIND-TUNNEL FACILITIES**

**§ 511. Joint development of unitary plan for construction of facilities; construction at educational institutions**

The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrator") and the Secretary of Defense are authorized and directed jointly to develop a unitary plan for the construction of transsonic, supersonic, and hypersonic wind-tunnel facilities for the solution of research, development, and evaluation problems in aeronautics, including the construction of facilities at educational institutions within the continental limits of the United States for training and research in aeronautics, and to revise the uncompleted portions of the unitary plan from time to time to accord with changes in national defense requirements and scientific and technical advances. The Administrator and the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the

Air Force are authorized to proceed with the construction and equipment of facilities in implementation of the unitary plan to the extent permitted by appropriations pursuant to existing authority and the authority contained in this chapter. Any further implementation of the unitary plan shall be subject to such additional authorizations as may be approved by Congress.

(Oct. 27, 1949, ch. 766, title I, §101, 63 Stat. 936; Pub. L. 85-568, title III, §301(d)(1), (2), July 29, 1958, 72 Stat. 433; Pub. L. 106-391, title III, §312(1), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1594.)

**AMENDMENTS**

2000—Pub. L. 106-391 substituted "transsonic, supersonic, and hypersonic" for "transsonic and supersonic".

1958—Pub. L. 85-568 substituted "The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (hereinafter referred to as the 'Administrator')" for "The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee')", and "Administrator" for "Committee" in second sentence.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-568 effective 90 days after July 29, 1958, or on any earlier date on which the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration determines, and announces by proclamation, that the Administration has been organized and is prepared to discharge the duties and exercise the powers conferred upon it, see section 301(e) of Pub. L. 85-568, set out as a note under section 2302 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

**SHORT TITLE**

Section 106 of title I of act Oct. 27, 1949, provided that: "This title [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the 'Unitary Wind Tunnel Plan Act of 1949'."

Section 205 of title II of act Oct. 27, 1949, provided that: "This title [enacting subchapter II of this chapter] may be cited as the 'Air Engineering Development Center Act of 1949'."

**§ 512. Limitation on cost of construction and equipment; vesting of title to facilities**

The Administrator is authorized, in implementation of the unitary plan, to construct and equip transsonic or supersonic wind tunnels of a size, design and character adequate for the efficient conduct of experimental work in support of long-range fundamental research at educational institutions within the continental United States, to be selected by the Administrator, or to enter into contracts with such institutions to provide for such construction and equipment, at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000,000: *Provided*, That the Administrator may, in his discretion, after consultation with the Committees on Armed Services of both Houses of the Congress, vest title to the facilities completed pursuant to this section in such educational institutions under such terms and conditions as may be deemed in the best interests of the United States.

(Oct. 27, 1949, ch. 766, title I, §102, 63 Stat. 936; Pub. L. 85-568, title III, §301(d)(2), (3), July 29, 1958, 72 Stat. 433.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1958—Pub. L. 85-568 substituted "Administrator" for "Committee" in three places, and "his" for "its".

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