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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*
SUBJECT: Secretary Weinberger's Weekly Report

Attached is Secretary Weinberger's Weekly Report for May 8, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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8 MAY 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

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Legislative Issues:

(a) Despite increasing resistance, we continue to support a 5.3 percent pay raise for military personnel effective on July 1. The Service Secretaries and I believe this and the 9.1 percent raise for October 1 are essential to our defense efforts in recruiting and retaining personnel, and they testified Tuesday before the full House Armed Services Committee strongly endorsing both increases. In the Senate, Assistant Secretary Larry Korb faced a Personnel Subcommittee that does not fully support the across-the-board increase and may report out a bill similar to the House Subcommittee measure that calls for a single 14.3 percent increase effective October 1.

(b) In addition to the satisfying Administration victory in the adoption of the Latta-Gramm budget substitute containing our requested level of defense spending, another noteworthy action on the House floor shows significant support for our efforts to improve national defense. Representative Bill Hefner's amendment (to the original Jones proposal) to increase defense spending to match the Administration's request was easily passed and represents a strong endorsement of the Administration's defense program.

(c) As part of our efforts to streamline the acquisition process and to improve efficiency and productivity in weapon systems contracting, one of our top legislative priorities is repeal of the Vinson-Trammell Act. This Act was initially enacted in the 1930s and imposes unrealistic profit limitations on Defense contracts. The Senate version of the FY 1982 DoD authorization bill contains the repeal as requested. In the House we face an uphill battle, and we may have to make this a conference item. (U)

Post-NATO Ministerial Visit to Portugal: As I mentioned in last week's report, I leave late tomorrow night for the NATO Defense Ministers' Meeting in Brussels. I plan to stop in Lisbon on the way home to strengthen our security relationship with Portugal, and to get a better sense of Portuguese attitudes towards our request for expanded use of their military facilities. We need

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to upgrade Lajes Airbase in the Azores to increase our capability to deploy forces to Southwest Asia. We also want to use the German airbase at Beja on the mainland for periodic aerial re-fueling tanker operations. (C)

Mormon Church Statement on M-X: The Mormon Church's statement critical of the M-X missile could have a strong impact on public opinion in Utah, and to a lesser extent in Nevada. The most significant effect might be on the substantial pro-M-X contingent in southern Utah, where the business community supports M-X because of the opportunity M-X could provide for future growth in that area, which has suffered from an economic decline. The Mormon Church statement may turn active supporters in this area into neutrals, and possibly cause those who are presently neutral to oppose.

The statement is unfortunate in that it attempts to prejudice the M-X review committee I have appointed. Until this review is completed and you have had the opportunity to make a decision, I believe there is little we can or should do to debate or comment on the position of the Mormon Church. We have been in touch with some people from the Church, and we were told that the current instruction to their senior people is to let the statement speak for itself and not to elaborate on it. I have simply said we continue to believe we need the M-X but have not decided where to put it. (U)

Visit to Jordan: Assistant Secretary-Designate Francis J. West departed Washington yesterday to visit Jordan and to co-chair a meeting of the U.S./Jordanian Joint Military Commission. We will inform the Jordanians of our approval for their purchase of M60A3 tanks and ROLAND air defense missiles, but that we will defer the decision on selling the STINGER handheld air defense missile (primarily because it might be regarded as a weapon that could fall into terrorist hands). Mr. West will also visit Saudi Arabia, Oman, Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Greece, Tunisia and Morocco to meet with his counterpart military leaders. Discussions will focus on strategic and defense issues of mutual interest and security assistance/training programs. (S)

Nuclear-Powered Warship Transit of Suez Canal: We recently asked the Egyptians to allow the nuclear-powered cruiser USS CALIFORNIA to transit the Canal with the AMERICA Carrier Task Group. The Egyptians failed to give us an answer, and we therefore had to send the cruiser around Africa. This has been a long-standing problem with the Egyptians, even though Sadat agreed in principle to these transits two years ago, and their Minister of Defense recently agreed again. It is an issue we need to resolve because of the Navy's requirement to deploy forces between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean on short notice. I have discussed our concern over the delays with the Egyptian Minister of Defense. I will continue to work on this problem, and I will keep you advised. (S)

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USS TICONDEROGA Christening: As you know, I will accompany Nancy to Pascagoula, Mississippi to christen the TICONDEROGA, the first of the new AEGIS air defense cruisers, next Saturday, Armed Forces Day. Given the setting, I plan to talk about defense-industrial cooperation, and your support for strengthened naval power. (U)

Impact Aid: In an earlier report I mentioned that the State of Virginia passed legislation allowing local jurisdictions to charge tuition to children of military personnel living on military installations if federal impact aid payments are reduced or eliminated. I believe these tuition charges are unconstitutional and have asked our counsel to work with the Justice Department to take to court each jurisdiction that imposes tuition charges. I am also requesting an FY 1981 supplemental appropriation and an FY 1982 budget amendment to ensure that military dependents are not denied access to school in September (or charged to attend) during the court fight. (U)

Assistance for Atlanta Children Murder Investigations: At the request of Atlanta's district attorney, we are lending them night-vision equipment and infra-red optical devices. (U)

Alleged Mistreatment Aboard the USS RANGER: The Navy has received some unfavorable press coverage during the past two weeks concerning a sailor who died on board the USS RANGER of heat-stroke. He succumbed after completing about 20 minutes of exercise as part of the ship's correctional custody unit (not a brig) where he was assigned for 30 days for disciplinary purposes after an unauthorized absence. Press coverage, a \$1M law suit by his family, and other allegations of abusive Navy brig actions on-board the RANGER have focused critical attention on the Navy's disciplinary practices. Although it appears there has been no wrong-doing on the part of the Navy, an all-encompassing investigation is being conducted. (U)

Meeting with Japanese Prime Minister: This afternoon I met with Prime Minister Suzuki to explain our suggestions for defense cooperation. I restated your views on the threat we face in the Pacific, and then outlined the issues we intend to raise at the Security Subcommittee Meeting in Hawaii and with their Defense Minister later next month.

I also told him that we wanted to share defense responsibilities with Japan, and pointed out that one of your first actions was to recommend a supplemental to the current defense budget to correct deficiencies and an increase in next year's budget for longer range items. We will also want to discuss in Hawaii the ways in which Japan can increase its air and maritime forces north of the Philippines and west of Guam.

Suzuki repeated that he felt Japan should defend itself as much as possible and as quickly as possible, and should work toward

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smoother cooperation with us. Foreign Minister Ito added that the "north of Philippines, west of Guam" discussion raised some political problems in their Diet because their formulations differ from ours. I told him that we could work out the specific details in Hawaii, that we believed we were not suggesting anything inconsistent with Japan's Constitution, and that what we were requesting was Japan's use of its own resources to help itself. (S)

Meeting with The Business Council: Tomorrow Dick Allen and I will meet with The Business Council in Hot Springs, Virginia. I will talk about our philosophy in managing defense resources, and outline our new initiatives in streamlining the defense acquisition process, multi-year contracting, reducing fraud and waste, and improving economies and efficiencies. I'll also discuss our efforts to develop, initiate, and implement management systems -- systems that are workable, efficient, and effective. (U)

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May 4, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Dick*

SUBJECT: Secretary Weinberger's Weekly Report

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cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

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Visit to Washington of Saudi Prince Bandar bin Sultan and the AWACS Sales: Major (Prince) Bandar bin Sultan, Royal Saudi Air Force, son of Saudi Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, visited Washington April 23-29 as a special emissary of the Saudi Arabian Government to discuss the proposed sale of E-3A AWACS aircraft to Saudi Arabia. Prince Bandar met with senior Defense officials as well as with Senate Majority Leader Baker. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] operations, use of data by third countries, etc. Prince Bandar returned to Saudi Arabia on April 30 with a letter from Secretary Haig to Saudi Crown Prince Fahd. Bandar will consult with his government and is expected to return to Washington shortly. He reported that he was very pleased with the way things went here.

At the first meeting of the coordinating group established by the NSC and chaired by the Defense Department, we decided to seek a "breathing spell" for the Administration by stopping all new initiatives, and using this time to prepare options for you.

The group realizes that we will have to walk a narrow line; the approach chosen must not be seen by the Saudis as reneging on our common objectives; and we must present an overall approach that has a good chance of getting Senate approval without a bruising fight. (S)

Meeting with Egyptian Minister of Defense: Frank Carlucci and I met with General Abou Ghazala at various times to hear his urgent pleas for immediate delivery of the M-60 tanks we had agreed to sell Egypt for next year. We agreed to divert some tanks intended for U.S. Army units so they can put together an armored brigade of U.S. tanks before the end of the year, and he seems satisfied. They have a large program now (\$3.65 billion in FMS credits), but are having difficulty in establishing an acquisition program. Their requests are reasonable, given the current state of their armed forces. (S)

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NATO Defense Planning Committee (DPC): I plan to attend the DPC Ministerial meetings in Brussels on May 12 and 13. The session follows, by one week, Al Haig's North Atlantic Council Meeting in Rome. Our objectives are:

- recognition that the past 15 years of steady Soviet increases in defense, combined with Alliance restraint in the interest of detente, have resulted in the need for urgent action now by us all to ensure deterrence of Soviet advances;

- a minimum of 3 percent real annual increases in defense spending--a benchmark for all the NATO Nations--and greater emphasis on performance measures. It isn't enough just to get 3 percent increases, although that is hard enough; we need to know what each nation is actually buying with their 3 percent increases;

- greater European understanding of the global defense problem, broader participation in deployments and support assistance to Southwest Asia, and a clearer willingness to make available overflight and access rights for deploying forces; and

- a list of infrastructure priorities and agreement on an adequate increase in funding for the current Infrastructure Five-Year Program, used to provide support facilities for NATO troops.

The overall theme of the DPC is the improvement of NATO's conventional defense through the adoption of strong Ministerial guidance to increase substantially national commitments. There will of course be many demands that we start disarmament talks with the Soviets on specific fixed dates. We will follow your TNF guidance on this. (S)

Submarine Collision Status: The investigation continues into the collision between the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON and a Japanese freighter which sank with the loss of two lives on April 9. The Commander of the PACIFIC Fleet will advise Admiral Hayward on preliminary findings in time for us to provide Prime Minister Suzuki a status report in New York on May 5 answering the following: (a) how the collision occurred; (b) why there was no rescue attempt; (c) why the report of the collision was delayed; and (d) how compensation is being handled. The timing of this response is within the period indicated in your letter to the Prime Minister and should help to defuse this issue prior to your meeting with Suzuki. (S)

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Improving the Defense Acquisition Process: After thorough analysis, I have directed major changes in Defense procurement. I have put into effect a new management system to ensure controlled decentralization of authority while at the same time instituting strict accountability of subordinate line executives for carrying out new policy decisions. The changes are designed to improve long range planning for major weapons acquisition, keep acquisition spending programs stable, achieve more economic rates of production, reduce costs throughout the whole process, and develop the stronger and more efficient private industrial base we so urgently need.

Many of the program innovations have been put in effect immediately, others will be coordinated with OMB, and a number of changes will require Congressional action before full benefits can be achieved. The total effect should be a healthier and more competitive defense-industry relationship, reduced defense costs, shortened acquisition time, improved weapons support, and increased readiness. (U)

Budget Address to the Congress: Your Budget address was great, if I may say so. Frank and I have called several Congressmen, responding to your agreements with them to have me talk to them and so far they all have been favorable. I hope they vote that way. (U)

Meeting with Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi: The Foreign Minister asked for a private meeting with Frank Carlucci to advise that our access to Utapao Air Base was approved for contingencies. The Prime Minister and the King had explicitly agreed that we could begin our survey of this very useful Base, and that we should consult their government on timing.

Foreign Minister Siddhi requested that this information be kept on a very close-hold basis. He had discussed it with very few officials in Washington or Thailand. Siddhi also suggested that we examine the possibility of building up war reserve stocks in an area near Utapao. (S)

Other Legislative Issues: We were troubled by Representative Bill Nichols' Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee action late Wednesday to report out a separate bill that would delete the proposed July 5.3 percent military pay increase and instead combine it with the 9.1 percent increase planned for October 1. I am afraid an increase of 14.4 percent will be harder to pass than two installment packages.

On Thursday, Representative Jack Brooks' Government Operations Subcommittee approved legislation to require an inspector general for the Department of Defense after failing to consider our suggested alternative. This bill will reduce accountability within the Department and weaken the authority of your appointees.

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Frank Carlucci had a very productive session before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness on Wednesday on the new Defense procurement program that greatly improves our acquisition process and provides significant savings. As a result of the hearing, the Subcommittee immediately moved to provide multi-year contracting authority as part of their mark-up of the FY 1982 DoD Authorization Legislation. (U)

Visit of Israeli Ambassador Evron: I met with Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron today in a very cordial meeting in which he expressed four major concerns:

- he stated that the U.S. could not buy friends through arms packages. I assured him we agreed fully and had no such intention;
- he said that he had no warning that AWACS was part of the Saudi package. I reminded him that AWACS had been included in the requested Saudi package since Harold Brown's discussions and efforts in 1980;
- he told me he had asked his government to tone down the public "confrontation" with us, since it was not in the best long-term interests of Israel or the U.S. I heartily agreed; and
- he said he believed you were the "best friend Israel ever had in the White House" and that he did not want the AWACS dispute to damage that relationship. I agreed you were and reiterated our belief that the AWACS in Saudi Arabia will help us all, Israel, Saudi Arabia, and ourselves.

I explained the legitimate Saudi air defense concerns and our strategic concept for deterring Soviet aggression. I assured him we would in no way jeopardize Israel's qualitative military superiority and offered his defense attache an AWACS orientation flight so that Israeli military experts could judge first-hand the capabilities of this unarmed aircraft. (S)

Security Consultative Meetings with Korea: I am sending you a separate report on these meetings, held April 28-30 in San Francisco. (U)

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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15 MAY 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

Legislative Issues: A major accomplishment this week was passage on Thursday in the Senate of our main legislative bill, the FY 1982 military procurement authorization. The vote, 97 to 1, was an overwhelming endorsement of our strengthened defense program. Senator Tower successfully led the effort which is nearly identical to the administration request. During floor action, several amendments were considered; however the most harmful ones were withdrawn by agreement with the sponsor as the result of coordinated efforts by DoD and Senator Tower. Key amendments which were adopted included (Moynihan/Warner) modification of committee's Maybank language to conform with the Administration position to extend the test period through FY 1982; (Schmitt) addition of \$50M for development of space-based laser systems; and (Nunn) to require formal reports to Congress on cost overruns. Two other undesirable amendments were tabled: (Levin) amendment to reduce operations and maintenance funds by \$200M (tabled 66 to 29); and (Levin, Kassebaum, Casey, and others) to require approval of both Houses of Congress with regard to the basing mode for the MX (tabled 59 to 39).

On Tuesday, the House Armed Services Committee favorably reported the FY 1982 Defense Authorization Bill by a vote of 39 to 1. The bill conforms very closely to the requested Administration defense program with minor exceptions. Congresswoman Holt's amendment to repeal Vinson-Trammell failed to pass by a tie vote (20 to 20). Since the Senate approved repeal of this provision, we hope to pursue this in Conference. The HASC also approved by a vote of 37 to 1 separate legislation, H.P. 3380, providing for a 14.3 percent military pay increase effective October 1, 1981.

The House also approved on Wednesday the Omnibus FY 1981 Supplemental Appropriations Bill, including provisions which are very close to the DoD supplemental request.

We are quite pleased overall with the results on the Hill this week, and I personally want to thank you for your efforts on our behalf. (U)

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The Defense Guidance: Next week we will release the new Defense Guidance for FY 1983-1987. This document replaces the old Consolidated Guidance and provides much more latitude for the Services and Defense Agencies in preparing their individual programs. The draft has been reviewed by the Services, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Defense Agencies, and major issues have been resolved by a series of Defense Resource Board meetings. I am confident that this document represents an effective blueprint for rebuilding our military forces. (U)

Inspector General Bill: Legislation which would establish a statutory Inspector General at the Department of Defense was before the House Committee on Government Operations this week. Working with OMB, we sought an amendment to that legislation which would place the Inspector General under the authority, direction and control of the Secretary of Defense. The amendment is necessary so that the Inspector General is not empowered directly or indirectly to undermine the chain of command relationship which is necessary to carry out the military responsibilities of the Department.

When the bill was reported to the Committee, the amendments offered by the Administration were ignored. We are now seeking to have the bill referred for sequential review by the House Armed Services Committee, but are not certain that this effort will be successful. We have advised the Committee that the legislation in its current form is unacceptable. (U)

Women in the Armed Forces: You may have seen the May 13 Washington Post article concerning the impact of women in the Armed Forces. The Army's announcement last February of a "pause" at the level of 65,000 enlisted women has been cause for concern among some sectors of the public. The Department does not plan a drastic reduction in recruitment objectives for women. Nevertheless, because the previous Administration had directed the Services to increase the numbers of military women very rapidly (from 8.4% of the force in FY 1980 to 12.5% by FY 1985), any reduction in the rate of growth will cause adverse reaction. Several articles since the Army announced a "pause" have indicated that they have stopped recruiting women. The facts are that the Army will recruit about 18,900 enlisted women and, DoD-wide, we will recruit about 45,000 enlisted women in FY 1981. I have advised the Army and the other Services that they should be far more sensitive about the form of such announcements, and indeed that they should think several times before any announcements of this type are made. (U)

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Alleged Mistreatment Aboard the USS RANGER: As I mentioned last week, the Navy is investigating the death aboard the USS RANGER of Airman Recruit Trerice with a team that includes legal, medical, and correctional specialists headed by the Pacific Fleet Inspector General. Testimony has been taken from 150 individuals. Thus far, no evidence has been found to indicate that Airman Recruit Trerice's death was from other than heat stroke. However, there appears to be substance to some of the allegations that personnel were mistreated in the ship's correctional custody unit. The Navy is not discussing details publicly pending completion and review of the investigation, which is being expedited. RANGER returned to San Diego this month, after an eight-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean. (U)

Base Realignment Article: The Washington Post reported that the Department of Defense has developed and sent to the White House an extensive "hit list" of about 50 military installations to be closed and functions to be realigned. We have not sent such a list to the White House. The Military Departments have submitted, in response to my direction, their suggestions of possible base realignments to promote efficiencies and economies. These proposals currently are being reviewed by my staff and our recommendations will be available shortly. After necessary determinations are made, the Military Departments will be informed and the Congress notified of the proposals for study. Prior to any determination we will discuss the proposals with OMB and the White House. (U)

Regional Federal Procurement Conferences: There has been an upsurge of interest on the part of a number of Senators and Congressmen in the Regional Federal Procurement Conferences. We intend to support this highly beneficial program. Each year, approximately 25 Federal Procurement Conferences are scheduled around the country as part of a joint Department of Defense-Department of Commerce program. Each of the conferences is sponsored by one or more Congressmen or Senators, normally with a local Chamber of Commerce or other comparable organization participating. Currently there is a long waiting list of Congressional sponsors.

The Department of Commerce acts as the focal point in coordinating Congressional requests, and the sponsor handles the advertising in the particular area. Varying with geographic location, attendance at these conferences has varied from 300 to 1,100 business people. The conference usually consists of briefings by the sponsor, Commerce, and DoD, and also includes seminars on bid preparation and personal counseling for anyone who wants it. The conferences provide an excellent opportunity to inform the community and to develop additional sources of supply and services for the Government. (U)

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Your Armed Forces Day Message: On behalf of all who wear the uniform, I want to express great thanks to you for your fine Armed Forces Day message. Your message should help morale greatly and I know men and women in uniform appreciated it very much. (U)

NATO Defense Minister's Meeting and Visit to Portugal: You will have seen my separate reports to you on the results of these visits. From my perspective, we had a very worthwhile and productive trip. (U)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJECT: The Secretary of Defense's Weekly Report

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON/NISSHO MARU Collision Investigation: The formal report of the investigation of the collision recommended issuing punitive letters of reprimand to the submarine's Commanding Officer and the Officer of the Deck at the time of the collision. Commander, Seventh Fleet, has issued the letters. The letter of reprimand covered the commanding officer's actions after the collision, specifically his failure to determine adequately the status of the NISSHO MARU and her crew. Non-punitive letters of caution were given to three other crewmen. The captain of the GEORGE WASHINGTON has also been relieved of his command.

The Navy provided advance copies of the proposed press release to Ambassador Mansfield so that he could inform Japanese officials prior to the public announcement. The Japanese Government requested that any public announcement be delayed until after the Diet session ends on June 6. They will be provided a final report of the circumstances surrounding the collision upon completion of the formal investigation review process.

We have received a claims letter from the attorney representing the shipowner, surviving crewmembers, and the families of the deceased Captain and First Mate totalling \$4,450,000. We expect claims of up to \$900,000 for the cargo. Because these claims considerably exceed amounts covered by the payment authority of the Foreign Claims Commission, we have advised the claimants' attorney that settlement will be handled by the Secretary of the Navy under admiralty authority. (C)

USS NIMITZ Accident: Initial reports indicate that the pilot of the EA-6B that crashed on the deck of the NIMITZ veered to the right seconds before touchdown, hitting aircraft in the A-7 parking area and then, even further right, struck three F-14s. There are early indications that the cause was pilot error. Each F-14 was armed with a PHOENIX, SIDEWINDER, and SPARROW missile. There were 14 fatalities and 45 injuries; four sailors are in serious condition from burns. Three F-14s and the EA-6B were completely destroyed; one F-14 and four A-7s sustained major damage; and one F-14, five A-7s, one A-6, three S-3s and one SH-3 sustained minor damage. There is no major damage to the ship, little or no structural or electrical damage, and the damaged F-14 aircraft have been replaced.

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NIMITZ arrived in Norfolk on Thursday and is expected to depart tomorrow to continue its training mission and its preparations for deployment on August 3rd. (C)

Service Academy Commencement: Thank you again for giving the commencement address at West Point. Your appearance -- and George Bush's speech at Annapolis -- gave a clear, unequivocal signal to the country that redressing the military balance and recognizing the contributions of those in the military will continue to be our highest priority. (U)

Moroccan Airfields: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] exploring the use of Moroccan airfields for enroute access to Southwest Asia, provided we did so quietly. (S)

B-52 Surveillance of Indian Ocean: Since January 1980, two B-52Hs have conducted surveillance missions and interface training with U.S. Naval forces in the Indian Ocean twice each month. The B-52Hs take off and land at Guam. Aerial refueling is provided by KC-135s out of Guam, Clark AB, and Diego Garcia. The most recent operations were conducted on May 13 and 28, 1981. A flight from South Dakota to Guam via Europe and the Mid-East non-stop by means of refueling in flight is being planned. (S)

Sale of Military Real Property: Thank you for your encouragement and support of our efforts to examine methods of significantly increasing revenue from the disposal of surplus property. The Real Property Study Group, chaired by the Department of Defense, has recently completed the collection of available data. The first draft of the study, currently under preparation, will be circulated among the study group members and other interested agencies in June. I will send you a status report and a draft summary of the highlights of the study by the end of June. (U)

Military Exercises: VIGILANT OVERVIEW 81-3 is a combined command post exercise involving Canadian and U.S. air defense forces to test the North American space and air defense systems. Approximately 200 Canadian and 1,200 U.S. personnel are involved in the exercise which began May 26 and concludes on May 29.

Exercise FLINTLOCK 81 was a JCS-directed and USEUCOM-sponsored special operations and unconventional warfare joint combined readiness exercise. Over 5,500 U.S. and allied personnel in operational detachments in Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, France, Tunisia, Kenya, Jordan, and Liberia participated during the period April 10-May 27. (Turkey, Sweden and Greece sent observers and are expected to participate next year.) Designed to exercise plans and procedures for the alert and deployment of joint unconventional warfare forces, FLINTLOCK 81 was very successful, but confirmed the continuing weakness in tactical communications. Each of the Services is addressing the problem, and the U.S. Army is working with the British on a new tactical radio. (S)

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U.S. Navy Support of Colombian Navy: In response to a request from the Colombian Navy, we provided air surveillance to try to locate a small fishing vessel suspected of transporting arms intended for the terrorist group "M-19." Although the vessel was not sighted, Bogota considered the political importance of the rapid response of real value in demonstrating our determination to combat international terrorism. In a related action, I authorized DoD support for U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement operations to prevent a major drug shipment from Colombia to the U.S. Surveillance aircraft have been placed on alert at Jacksonville, Florida; Norfolk and Oceana, Virginia; and El Toro, California to support the anti-drug operation. (S)

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June 6, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Weinberger's Weekly Report

Attached is Secretary Weinberger's Weekly Report on Defense Activities for the week ending June 5, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

Strategic Weapons Decisions: Later this month we will make two critically important decisions that will shape our strategic defense posture well into the next century: The selections of the new strategic bomber and the M-X basing mode. Both decisions will be controversial, regardless of the choices made, and will require a careful strategy to ensure Congressional and public acceptance.

The Air Force has completed its strategic bomber study and Secretary Orr has made his recommendations to me. In addition, we have had briefings by the major leaders of the Aerospace industry, so that we could hear all views. The DoD staff is now finishing a final evaluation of our options before we make recommendations to you.

On the M-X, Dr. Charles Townes' panel is rapidly completing its independent assessment of M-X basing modes, and I expect to receive their report by the middle of this month.

When I am satisfied that we have all the information needed to present the options to you, I will send you a memorandum outlining these options, with my recommendations and a proposed plan to present your decisions to the Congress and to the public. (U)

The Sale of AWACS and Other Equipment to Saudi Arabia: An Administration-wide Coordinating Committee on the Saudi sales was established in April, after your decision in favor of the sales was made public. This committee, chaired by DoD, seeks to ensure that everyone involved on behalf of the Administration follows an agreed position regarding (1) the Hill and the public, (2) the Saudis, and (3) the Israelis.

The initial efforts of the committee were designed to:

- o avoid generating additional news that would fuel media attention (recent media attention has fallen off sharply and the pro/con balance has improved).

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- o prepare technical briefings for the Hill.
- o develop a negotiating position for the agreements with the Saudis.
- o after consultation with Senator Baker, develop a recommendation on when we should submit the proposal to Congress. The schedule recommended by Senator Baker is that the Informal Submission (i.e., a required advance notice) take place after the July 4th recess, and the Formal Submission after Labor Day. This would cause the hearings and vote to occur in September or October. This is later than I would like and we will continue to consult with White House senior staff and the Senator to be sure this remains the recommended schedule.

Meanwhile we believe a major, concerted effort will be needed to obtain Senate approval and also believe there should be a separate White House led task force for this effort. We have discussed this with Jim Baker, Ed Meese and others. It is essential that the Administration speak with one voice on this, and that we enforce an agreed on strategy -- in coordination with Howard Baker -- including negotiations with the Saudis, and securing support on the Hill. (S)

Military-Civilian Relations: As a matter of law, tradition and policy, members of the armed forces do not participate directly in civilian law enforcement activities except when expressly authorized by Congress. This practice is based on the historic separation of military and civilian functions, the need to ensure that military resources are not unnecessarily diverted from the primary goal of military readiness, and because of well understood opposition to a National Police Force.

The military departments, nonetheless, do provide a substantial amount of indirect assistance in the form of training, advice, and loans of equipment to federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.

The domestic problem of drug smuggling has led civilian law enforcement authorities to depend more heavily on assistance from the armed forces. Earlier this year, the Senate Armed Services Committee amended the Defense Authorization Act to authorize some indirect aid, but to continue the traditional prohibition on direct assistance.

Following Congressman Bennett's lead, however, the House Armed Services Committee added language that would authorize direct participation by military personnel in drug enforcement operations.

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The Joint Chiefs of Staff are extremely concerned about the Bennett amendment. Although it purports to protect military readiness, the amendment will be a source of great difficulty. We do not have the excess manpower, either on a temporary or permanent basis, to deliver on the promise of more effective law enforcement envisioned by the Bennett amendment. At best, it will produce troublesome interagency difficulties and generate acrimony over requests for assistance. At worst, it could be a vehicle for diversion of military personnel from their mission, with adverse effects on military readiness and the traditional separation of civilian and military activity.

We intend to support the Nunn Amendment authorizing continuation of indirect assistance to civilian law enforcement officials. However, we believe that the limitations on direct involvement of military personnel in making arrests, etc., included in the Senate bill must be preserved. (U)

British Defense Review and Potential Reductions in the Royal Navy: Unofficial reports indicate that the current British Defense Review could lead to a massive restructuring of British forces. Although U.K. officials maintain that they will meet the 3% real growth goal for defense spending and that their strategic forces will remain largely untouched, severe cuts in conventional forces (mostly Navy and Royal Marines) are reportedly under serious consideration. We are particularly concerned over the potential reductions in the Royal Navy, because if true we would have to make major additional efforts to protect the Atlantic sealanes.

A 45% reduction in U.K. naval personnel, withdrawal of two anti-submarine warfare aircraft carriers, loss of 50% of surface escort ships, and drastically reduced amphibious assault capability are possible consequences. Minister of Defense Nott intends to visit me the latter part of June to report on their review; however, my concern is to ensure we are well consulted in advance with a chance to influence their plans. I am conveying my deep concern to John Nott, to reinforce the importance we attach to early British consultation with us and the Allies before any irreversible decisions are made. I will keep you informed. (S)

Investigation of Lt Cooke: As widely reported in the press, Lt Cooke provided the Soviets with highly-classified information on our Titan II intercontinental ballistic missile operations. I have asked the Department of Justice (which initially and erroneously announced that there was no case against him) to conduct a thorough investigation of Lt Cooke's contacts with the

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Soviet Embassy to see if he can be prosecuted under the Espionage Act. Bill Smith is cooperating very well. The Air Force has preferred charges under provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice that require reporting of all such contacts. Cooke's trial is expected to take place in the next few months. At the trial, Cooke is likely to assert that he was promised immunity from prosecution. Unfortunately, the the Air Force mishandled the early stages of their investigation. We are hopeful that the court will let us proceed with the prosecution based on our claim that Cooke broke his part of an "agreement" that should never have been made in the first place. (U)

Aviation Week Article: An article in Aviation Week magazine speculating on my bomber recommendations to you contained information on the Stealth bomber that was classified and extremely sensitive. The wording of the article suggests that individuals highly placed in the Department may have leaked the data to the press -- possibly to influence our decision. We are investigating this carefully as it is a very serious leak. (S-SENSITIVE)

Inspector General Bill: We have been working closely with OMB and the Department of Justice to ensure that our concerns about the Inspector General bill which recently passed the House are considered -- and corrected -- by the Senate. These concerns relate to the reporting relationships between the Inspector General and the Congress which could impair our national command authority. Our General Counsel, Will Taft, will testify before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee to explain the special Defense position. (U)

Legislative Issues: Final action was taken this week on the FY 1981 Supplemental Appropriation. By approving \$11.85 billion of our \$12.7 billion request, the Congress supported our program to increase readiness, improve our ability to recruit and retain personnel, and modernize forces. Key issues which we won include the reactivation of the battleship NEW JERSEY; restoration of funding for the ground launched cruise missile program (loss of which would have been a serious setback to our attempts to persuade the NATO allies to continue the TNF effort); and modernization of our chemical warfare program. We did not get the funds we requested for the Low Altitude Airfield Attack System, however, and are concerned because of the importance to the U.K. of proceeding with this joint U.S./U.K. project. We will work hard to overturn this decision.

Another strong signal of support for strengthened national defense came yesterday when the House approved our FY 1982 military construction request nearly intact. The House bill approved all but

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\$50.3 million of our \$6.978 billion request. The House also reaffirmed support for our program of construction of binary chemical production facilities by easily defeating an amendment to withdraw previous authorization for the project.

One item of concern, however, was the voice vote to restrict funds for M-X construction until 60 days after the selection of the basing mode is presented to the Congress. This amounts to a legislative veto provision, and we will work hard to remove this provision in the conference or on the floor. (U)

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RICHARD V. ALLEN *fid*

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Attached is Secretary Weinberger's Weekly Report on Defense Activities for June 12, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
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