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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

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Meeting with Japanese Defense Minister: I met with Joji Omura on Monday for two and a half hours. I gave him a frank presentation of the considerable threat we face and discussed the respective military roles of the U.S. and Japan. I told him that it is clear that Japan's proposed defense efforts through the end of the 1980s are inadequate. Omura recited the familiar litany of reasons why Japan cannot do more at present: domestic politics; too much inflation; constitutional restrictions; etc.

I told Omura that we appreciate what Japan has done thus far, that we recognize his domestic difficulties, but that if we spend too much time in deciding what to do, we may well invite a Soviet attack which would destroy everyone's domestic programs. It seems to me this could be emphasized at Ottawa. It is essential, I think, for the Administration to raise the defense issue persistently with the Government of Japan if we are to see any substantial movement.

Omura himself, I believe, wants a much increased defense budget. We are trying to give him some ammunition. We got along very well personally. He seemed to enjoy greatly the dinner we gave for him in the Pentagon. He enjoyed it to such an extent that he sang what he called a Japanese naval song entitled "Cherry Blossom of the Second Class." He will never make the Metropolitan. (S)

Visit with Australian Prime Minister: In my meeting with Prime Minister Fraser Tuesday afternoon, Fraser focused on the U.S.-Soviet strategic balance, our capabilities in the Persian Gulf, and Australia's request for price concessions in the purchase of U.S. fighter aircraft. I told him that we expected to restore a comfortable strategic balance by the end of this decade; that our improving relations with the Gulf states will continue if we get Congressional approval for the sale of the AWACS to Saudi Arabia and our buildup of conventional forces will enhance our ability to exert U.S. influence in Southwest Asia; and that we would study his request for price concessions, even though a favorable response will be complicated by congressional insistence on competitive defense contracting. He also offered to help persuade the Japanese to spend more on defense. I accepted the offer gladly. (S)

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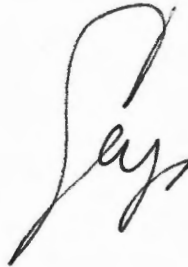
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Legislative Issues: I continue to receive strong expressions of interest about our pending decision on the manned bomber issue. Specifically, on Tuesday I went to Capitol Hill to meet with Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee Mel Price and Representative Sam Stratton. It is clear that the leadership of the Committee is solidly in favor of building the updated B-1 while continuing accelerated development of the Advanced Technology Bomber.

The Senate Armed Services Committee, in contrast, has many members, and the Chairman, who strongly favor going with the Advanced Technology Bomber alone. (U)

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June 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Weinberger's Weekly Report

Attached is Secretary Weinberger's Weekly Report for
June 26, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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26 JUN 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

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Pakistan's Request for Early Delivery of Military Equipment:
When Under Secretary of State Buckley visited Islamabad, the Pakistanis requested early delivery of arms, in particular F-16 aircraft.

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Legislative Issues: On Tuesday, I appeared before the House Armed Services Committee to testify on behalf of the defense procurement improvements that had been approved as part of the Committee's FY 1982 Defense Authorization Bill, but later deleted by Congressman Jack Brooks' House Government Operations Committee. The reception could not have been more friendly and positive. The Committee is clearly concerned about this raid on their jurisdiction, and will fight hard against the Brooks approach when it comes up on the full floor after the July 4 recess. Improvement in our defense acquisition process is one of our top priorities, and is an essential part of renewing our military strength.

The full House again strongly endorsed our strengthened defense program by the overwhelming approval (360 - 50) of our FY 1981 DoD Supplemental Authorization.

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There is growing Congressional worry over the possibility of military dependents being charged tuition to attend public schools as a result of changes in impact aid. One proposal which is clearly unacceptable would take money out of the DoD budget to pay for the newly imposed state charges for educating military dependents. We continue to urge the Administration's position: a bill forbidding states from imposing tuition charges for military children. (U)

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Defense Military Manpower Task Force: The interagency working group and the senior task force members will be meeting over the next two weeks. We conferred with Ed Meese on a press release announcing the commission and its agenda. Among other things, we will review the current status of the forces and the estimates of manpower requirements for the next five years. Based on that information, we will identify the key problems that must be solved to make the All Volunteer Force more effective. (U)

Meeting with Japanese Defense Minister: I am scheduled to meet with Japan's Defense Chief Omura on Monday. I will tell him that our entire Administration is firmly committed to securing a sharing of the defense burdens with all our allies; that Japan has now little or no capability to defend itself; that the defense burden for Japanese territory still lies with the U.S.; and that the objectives and pace of Japan's defense planning are unacceptably low. I will assure him that we are aware of Japan's constitutional limitations,

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Exercise UNITAS XXII: A combined naval operations exercise with eight maritime nations of South America, UNITAS XXII is designed to promote the continued growth of naval forces in the mutual interest of hemispheric defense. Approximately 2,000 U.S. personnel and 12,000 Naval and Air Force personnel from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela will participate. The exercise began Tuesday in the Caribbean, and will include a transit of the Panama Canal on November 28. (C)

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July 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

Attached is Secretary Weinberger's Weekly Report on Defense Activities dated July 17, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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17 JUL 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

Pakistani Negotiations: On Thursday we concluded four days of meetings with a large Pakistani delegation headed by Major General (Retired) Rahim Khan, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Defense. These discussions, which the Pakistanis repeatedly characterized as frank, cordial, and constructive, involved a comprehensive exchange of information on Pakistani military equipment requirements and the ability of the United States to supply them. We were able to accommodate sufficiently Pakistan's interest in many items, and the Pakistani approach remained positive throughout. However, we maintained, to the end, our strong feeling that we cannot deliver F-16s as soon as the Pakistanis want without seriously weakening our readiness. At the end the Pakistanis, in a very friendly manner, indicated the entire offer of equipment would have to be referred to their government for further consideration -- a process that they estimated would require approximately a month.

This delay is probably influenced by financing problems we believe they have. In preparation for, and during, the meetings, we were completely forthcoming. Nevertheless, we are not prepared to recommend diversions that would cause major U.S. combat units to stand down. I could not justify such a course in the future for Pakistan, particularly because they themselves identify their principal need and goal as being to oppose India. They do not think the USSR is their greatest threat. (S)

Recruiting Results: Through the first nine months of FY 1981, recruiting and retention efforts have been very encouraging. The Army recruited 98 percent of its goal and the other Services all exceeded their goals. Also, retention rates should be a big jump over last year. In terms of quality, the proportion of enlistees who are high school graduates is much higher this year than in the comparable period last year. The male high school graduate rate, for example, increased from 57 percent to 74 percent, with the Army showing the greatest increase -- from 40 percent in FY 1980 to 69 percent in FY 1981. The Army also increased, by about 50 percent, the proportion of its enlistees who have achieved test scores in the highest three categories. (U)

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Defense Authorization Bill: The House finally passed our FY 1982 DoD Authorization Bill. Special attention was given to a series of amendments by Congressman Jack Brooks that would dismantle the new management initiatives we have established to secure cost savings and help restore our eroding industrial base. We conducted a sizable lobbying effort to defeat Brooks which involved every senior Defense official and personal contact with over 60 House Members. Our message was very well received with the result that three Brooks Amendments were defeated which would have restricted our ability to offer multi-year procurement contracts, restricted DoD computer purchases, and maintained outdated contract thresholds. Defeat of the Brooks Amendments is a major victory for the Administration. The votes were 133-283, 118-299, 109-311.

The House also spent a significant amount of time this week on another set of amendments. They involved the role of the military in civil drug law enforcement activities. Over the objection of DoD, an amendment was approved that would allow the use of military equipment and military personnel to make arrests on non-Federal areas. This provision greatly exceeds the previously adopted Senate language which would only allow the use of military equipment for drug enforcement purposes. We intend to appeal this matter in Conference and strongly support the Senate language.

We think it unwise to have federal troops used for local law enforcement purposes, although we are glad to use our equipment to help.

Another setback was the passage of an amendment which prohibits DoD from purchasing non-combat foreign made vehicles. This will be a matter of great concern to the Germans.

Late Thursday night, the House gave final approval of our Defense Authorization Bill by a vote of 354-63. (U)

Breakfast with the House Foreign Affairs Committee: On Tuesday, Frank Carlucci and I had breakfast on the Hill with Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to discuss various issues including the Administration's foreign assistance programs. It was a good give and take session and provided an opportunity to lobby Members and turn around some votes which had opposed us on the Brooks amendments. (U)

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Freedom of Information Act: On July 15 the Department's General Counsel, Will Taft, testified before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the operation of the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Taft discussed the many problems DoD has had with the Act. We are working with the Justice Department to develop legislative proposals to amend the statute. The Subcommittee, chaired by Senator Hatch, was extremely receptive to the Department's testimony. (U)

Threat Briefing for Freshmen House Republicans: On Tuesday evening, the Pentagon hosted a DIA classified briefing on the Soviet threat for 18 Republican freshmen House Members. The session was extremely well received, and the Members left with a new sense of the seriousness of the Soviet threat and the need for a strengthened U.S. response. We plan to continue to provide this type of information which is very effective in securing Hill support for our defense program. (U)

Staff Reorganization: I have approved a major administrative reorganization of the office of the Assistant Secretary for Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics which will result in a staff reduction of 10 percent and annual savings of approximately \$1 million. The reorganization will allow the staff of Dr. Lawrence J. Korb, Assistant Secretary for MRA&L, to be more effective and responsive in maintaining the readiness of the nation's military forces. This is consistent with my approach to shifting larger portions of operating responsibility to the Military Departments.

The Navy is reducing its headquarters by 127 positions, which will result in a savings of \$3.2 million per year. (U)

The Mediterranean Fruit Fly: When the helicopter spraying was reluctantly agreed to by Governor Brown, his supporters called to urge me to allow use of Moffet Field Naval Air Station for the helicopters because "they feared demonstrations against the helicopters." Since Governor Brown appeared to me to be encouraging such demonstrations, attempting to shift the blame to the Federal government and putting us in a position where we might have to use Federal troops to resist demonstrations at Moffet, and because of the doubtful legality of using the base for this purpose, I refused.

The first few days' spraying developed no serious demonstrations. In view of the inability of Governor Brown's organization to move out effectively to control the fruit fly problem around San Jose, and after receiving a favorable ruling on the legality of using the Field for State operations, I directed the Navy to allow State use

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of Moffet Naval Air Station for helicopters and planes needed in spraying, subject to receipt of the same guarantees from the Governor that he has given to civil air fields in the area to hold them harmless and pay for any damages. Hopefully, this additional support will help overcome the difficulties that have plagued the first days of his spraying program. (U)

San Diego Naval Hospital: On Tuesday, after a thorough review, I informed Mayor Peter Wilson, as well as interested Congressmen and Senators, of the decision to construct the new Navy Hospital at the Florida Canyon site in Balboa Park. The long delays and associated extra costs (for example, \$30 million for more highway work) involved in any alternate site necessitated this choice. To make the decision more palatable to several opponents of the chosen site, several changes were made:

- one portion of the facility will be lowered from nine to five stories and its location landscaped to reduce its visibility;
- in exchange for the 36 acres needed for the new site, 39 acres of the former site will be returned to the city;
- buildings on this property will be razed, and the grounds landscaped and seeded to return it to the city in park-like condition; and,
- the Navy will pay all costs associated with moving the flora in a Florida Canyon nursery to any new site designated by the city.

All four Republican Congressmen seemed very pleased with the decision. (U)

POW-MIA Recognition Day: Today I made brief remarks at a Pentagon ceremony observing National POW-MIA Recognition day. This is the first time in several years a Cabinet Officer has participated in these activities. Coincidentally, the National League of Families is holding its annual meeting here in Washington, July 16-19. Defense is supporting League activities by providing space available air transportation to the meeting for eligible families (12) and bus transportation to the Pentagon ceremony. We also will participate with State in a panel discussion for the League on POW-MIA matters. (U)

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Economies and Efficiencies: Senators Metzenbaum, Armstrong and Warner, and retired Comptroller Elmer Staats came to the Pentagon on Wednesday to discuss their worry that we may be spending too much. The Senators were very supportive of our new cost-saving management initiatives, but emphasized the need to publicize more effectively our efforts. I indicated that this is a high priority of this Administration. We discussed the possibility of a blue-ribbon panel which could help publicize what DoD is already doing to promote efficiencies and eliminate abuse. We invited Elmer Staats to serve on such a group and he may do it. We will meet again to discuss this further. (U)

AT&T Antitrust Suit: The Department is continuing to work with the Commerce Department and the Justice Department to resolve the controversy surrounding the AT&T antitrust suit. I agree with the unanimous recommendation of the working group, set up by Mac Baldrige, that the Department of Justice be instructed to dismiss the suit. I have also submitted our view of the effects of AT&T divestiture upon the national defense to the Cabinet Council on Commerce and Trade. This review supports our position that divestiture as currently proposed by the Justice Department could cause substantial harm to our communications network. Defense witnesses have testified in support of the thrust of S. 898, the "Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1981." This bill does not force divestiture of AT&T components. (U)

[REDACTED] We have been hard at work negotiating with the [REDACTED] on the issue of [REDACTED]. We had hoped to have an initial operational capability (IOC) by March 1984; however, the [REDACTED] will not complete permanent operational facilities until December 1985, almost two years late. "Work around" solutions are being negotiated to provide some form of interim operational capability in March 1984. (S)

Anticipated Base Realignment Announcements: We will announce shortly that the Secretary of the Army has decided to relocate the Army's Helicopter Maintenance Activity from New Cumberland Army Depot, Pennsylvania to Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas. When completed this action will eliminate about 770 military and civilian personnel positions and save \$10.8 million annually. Approximately 240 military and civilian personnel positions will be relocated to the Texas Depot.

Before the August recess, we expect to notify Congress of the proposals which affect the National Capital Region (NCR) as follows:

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- Modernization and optimal use of the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D. C. with relocation of activities from commercial leased space in the NCR into the rehabilitated facilities.
- Relocation of Marine Corps activities from commercial leased space in Rosslyn to new facilities planned at Henderson Hall, Arlington, VA.

This Navy plan, if implemented over the next five to ten years, will shift approximately 18,500 personnel from about 2.0 million square feet of leased administrative space, primarily in Northern Virginia, to the Washington Navy Yard. The plan would save about \$34 million in annual Defense costs.

I will continue to keep you informed of our progress on base realignments in my weekly reports. (FOUO)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

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cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
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RICHARD W. ALLEN

FROM:

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The Vice President

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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July 24, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

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BY RW NARA DATE 10/21/14

Legislative Affairs: Although no Senate or House floor action this week affected DoD, we were involved in several Hill meetings. On Tuesday, Frank Carlucci and I had breakfast on the Hill with the Military Reform Caucus. This is a loosely-knit bipartisan House/Senate group which generally supports a stronger defense but is concerned about basic military strategy. The group is a serious one so we expressed interest in what they were saying. After this meeting, I met with 20 House and Senate members of the Northeast-Midwest Coalition to hear their pleas for a bigger share of defense dollars. The group claims federal spending favors the Sun Belt states at their expense. I agreed to review our policies on procurement and base realignments with their concerns in mind.

On Wednesday, I had a private breakfast at the Pentagon with John Tower, as part of our regular meetings to discuss current issues. We had a frank and cordial discussion on a wide variety of subjects, but John is understandably concerned about our decisions on MX and B-1. I assured him he would be consulted and informed of our decision before any public announcement.

At the same time, Frank Carlucci hosted a breakfast for Chairman Joe Addabbo of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and Ranking Republican Jack Edwards. This panel has been somewhat hard on defense in the past and has made major changes in funding our HASC and SASC authorized programs. The subcommittee will not begin markup of our FY 1982 appropriation bill until mid-September and we want to be certain that we have a good dialogue with the subcommittee so that they understand our policies before their markup.

On Thursday, Frank Carlucci went before Jack Brooks' House Government Operations Subcommittee to testify on defense audit policies. Frank did a fine job and persuaded Brooks, a strong opponent of many of our policies, to support our plans to improve audit follow-up.

House and Senate conferees finally met this week and reached favorable agreement on our FY 1981 Supplemental Authorization. Next week the conferees will take up the FY 1982 DoD authorization. (U)

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Meetings on U.K. Defense Review: A Defense team met with their British counterparts on Monday and Tuesday in Whitehall as part of our ongoing talks on the U.K. Defense Review. We have agreed to set up a working group on the defense review which will focus on five major areas: Trident contributions to U.K. naval force capability; out of area cooperation; high technology; U.K. air defense; and special cash flow problems. The goal is to have all work completed by November 30 when the Minister of Defence submits the naval budget to the Treasury so that the defense efforts of the two countries can be fully coordinated. I will be meeting with Minister of Defence John Nott in August to maintain the momentum of this U.S./U.K. effort. (U)

AV-8B Memorandum of Understanding with the U.K.: We are in the final stages of negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.K. which addresses the development, production and support of an advanced vertical/short take-off and landing (VSTOL) aircraft (the AV-8B) for use by the U.S. Marine Corps and the Royal Air Force. The final negotiations focus on a small number of issues and are being conducted by my staff together with the Navy. Cooperation with the U.K. will provide the U.S. with continued access to U.K. VSTOL technology. It will also provide considerable financial advantages -- since we will not have to duplicate each other's research and production. Signing of the MOU and the supporting industry agreement is expected this month. (S)

Electric Boat Claims: The Navy received an \$18.9 million insurance reimbursement request from Electric Boat Division (EB) of General Dynamics Corporation for their own faulty workmanship consisting of incomplete welds in USS BREMERTON (SSN-698) which were either not inspected or else inadequately inspected. EB advised that this unprecedented claim is the first in a series which could total \$100 million.

The Navy has formed a special team composed of a contracting officer, lawyers, auditors, technical personnel, and outside experts to decide how best to oppose this absurd claim. They are also determining how to bring a claim against EB for damages sustained as a result of the two and one half year delay in delivery of the Trident and other ships EB is constructing. The results of this effort are expected in October. Since becoming aware of the fact that we will counterclaim, EB has indicated they are reconsidering submission of their claim due to the adverse public and political ramifications involved. They are also presumably anxious to get other contracts which we would be strongly opposed to granting them if they persist with this "insurance" claim. (U)

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Refugee Relocation: Presently, Fort Allen, Puerto Rico is being examined to see if we can place about 1,500 of the Haitian refugees there. We are informed that the Governor is receptive to this. We have stated our worries about the impact on readiness, possible complication of our dealings on Vieques Island where we have important naval firing ranges which are under political attack, terrorist provocation, and the fact that the facility is a virtual concentration camp. We do not believe anyone could stay there for any extended period.

We are advised now that there are people in Fort Smith, Arkansas, petitioning to have Fort Chaffee turned into a national refugee center. The Governor of Oklahoma, with considerable support, is also interested. Apparently the economic advantage of having refugees is being recognized by some. (U)

Vietnamese Boat People: With the pick-up of 29 Vietnam refugees on the South China Sea last week, the U.S. Navy has now rescued a total of over 8,400 boat people since May 29, 1978. (U)

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Attached is Secretary Weinberger's Weekly Report for August 1, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

Legislative Affairs: Our principal efforts this week were devoted to contacting House Members in support of the tax program. Both Frank and I assured several Members who were worried that the cuts would cause loss of revenue to support defense. We pointed out that the tax cuts would not in any way jeopardize our strengthened defense program, but would in fact increase revenue and improve our weakened defense industrial base. In all cases the responses were friendly, and well over half of our previously unsympathetic Congressmen were with us on the final vote.

On Thursday, I had lunch with 25 Senators who are members of Alan Cranston's bi-partisan Arms Control advocates. The group, although liberal, was very cordial and appeared to react positively to our defense message.

Frank Carlucci testified at two hearings on the Hill this week. On Tuesday, he spoke before the Senate Armed Services Committee about DoD management reforms which are aimed at eliminating waste and inefficiency. On Thursday, Frank went before Bill Roth's Senate Governmental Affairs Committee to discuss travel and DoD planned efficiencies. Both appearances were designed to stress our strengthened budget and management program. (U)

Military Exercise - Ocean Venture 81: Ocean Venture 81 is a large-scale joint/combined maritime exercise that will be conducted from August to mid-October. U.S. and allied forces from 15 nations will participate in this Atlantic-wide operation. The exercise will emphasize command and control of national and multinational naval forces in a war-at-sea scenario.

The Ocean Venture 81 Exercise consists of eight distinct phases commencing with a hypothetical regional crisis in the Caribbean and escalating into a series of large-scale conflicts over a long period in different geographic areas.

Total participation from U.S. Navy, NATO nations, USAF, and Coast Guard is approximately 150,000 people. The Exercise will spread over large parts of the Caribbean Basin, as well as other parts of the Atlantic, and will include a mock landing on Guantanamo Bay. (U)

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Visit with German CDU Shadow Defense Minister: I had a very helpful and friendly talk with Manfred Woerner Friday. He says our willingness and ability to reduce domestic spending to increase defense expenditures is greatly admired by his party in Europe. He thinks Schmidt is wrong to blame their economic troubles on the U.S. because it is obviously incorrect, and because it will harm U.S.-German relations.

He thinks Schmidt should have expanded defense spending. He believes Schmidt may not be long in office. (S)

Sudanese Vice-President's Visit: I met with Vice President and Minister of Defense Abdel Majid on Thursday. I assured him that we value Sudan's support, that we share his concern over Libyan and Soviet aggression, and that we would do all we could to help him. He feels strongly that if we increase our help--even beyond what we are now doing--other countries will follow. His three priorities are: security assistance, upgrade of facilities (especially an air base in western Sudan which we could use), and joint exercises. (C)

Security Assistance Program: Al Haig and I briefed you and the National Security Council on the Security Assistance Program in connection with the Egyptian item. Preliminarily additional briefings will emphasize several major points applicable to all countries: (1) the importance of security assistance to the overall U.S. global defense posture, including implementation of our regional strategies such as in Southwest Asia and NATO; (2) the thirty year decline in the real cost and real value of security assistance and the declining costs to the U.S. taxpayers; (3) U.S.-Soviet comparison of arms transfers, foreign military training, and numbers of military technicians abroad for training or managing security assistance; (4) the current status of the Security Assistance Program in Congress and the need to obtain Congressional authorization and appropriation and to minimize the damage of being on Continuing Resolution Authority (CRA). A strong security assistance bill will contribute greatly to a successful Administration foreign policy. (U)

Military Exercise Valiant Usher 81-9: Valiant Usher, a combined U.S./Kenyan Amphibious Assault Exercise, will take place September 9-13. The 31st Marine Amphibious Unit will conduct heliborne and waterborne amphibious assault operations and combined operations with units of the Kenyan Air Force, Army and Navy. This is a politically sensitive exercise, and publicity must be prevented in order to maintain the cooperation of the Government of Kenya in increasing the opportunities for U.S. amphibious training in Kenya. (S)

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Visits to Ft. Benning and Camp Lejeune: On Monday I visited Ft. Benning, Georgia and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. At Ft. Benning, I had the honor of being inducted into the Infantry OCS Hall of Fame because that was where I was commissioned in 1942. I took the opportunity to talk with the troops, and I was very impressed with the spirit and professionalism I saw at both places. Morale is very good and many with whom I talked planned to reenlist.

At Camp Lejeune, I also inspected and was very impressed with various combat and support elements of the 2nd Marine Division, particularly their landing techniques and new equipment.

I can't say enough about the high morale and esprit of the soldiers and Marines I met. Our program to improve living conditions for our military is beginning to show results. I must emphasize, however, that we are at a very crucial point in that effort. A major setback in our pay package could destroy much of what we have accomplished. It is extremely important for us, as an Administration, to continue to demonstrate our support for our people in uniform. (U)

Administrative-Use Vehicles: During 1978 and 1979, in an attempt to further the "two-way street" concept, DoD made a decision to buy administrative-use vehicles from the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom, and Italy for use by our forces stationed in those countries. Based on currently programmed data we expected to pay \$180 million to Germany through 1986, \$17 million to the United Kingdom, and about \$12 million to Italy for vehicles. However, the 1982 DoD Authorization Bill passed by the House would prohibit us from buying these vehicles overseas. Our Allies view the vehicle purchases as a test of our commitment to buy European equipment for our forces in Europe when it makes sense to do so, i.e., when it is cost effective and contributes to standardization and interoperability requirements.

The House restriction violates our obligations under the Trade Agreement Act of 1979. NATO arms purchases from us are several times greater than our purchases from them. In addition, we had a \$9 billion surplus in 1979, and an \$18 billion surplus in 1980 in total trade with the European Economic Community. We thus have a very significant investment to protect.

The Senate Bill contained no such restriction. Fortunately, the outlook is good for getting the restriction removed during the sessions of the House/Senate conference committee on the bill. Senator Tower has given us excellent support. (U)

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Military Manpower Task Force: On Tuesday, July 28, Larry Korb and I met with Ed Meese to discuss the Military Manpower Task Force, and we have scheduled the initial task force meeting for August 7. We intend to have a final report to you in December. (U)

Seaman Murphy Case: We have begun an investigation of possible contacts with the Soviet Mission to the United Nations in New York by Seaman Recruit Murphy. Seaman Murphy was serving aboard the Ballistic Missile Submarine POLK stationed at Charleston, South Carolina. The FBI is conducting the investigation in cooperation with the Naval Investigative Service. I will keep you updated. (U)

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August 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

Attached is Secretary Weinberger's weekly report on Defense activities dated August 7, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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CC:
The Vice President
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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report on Defense Activities

Public Reaction to the Neutron Weapons Decision: While news reports and editorial comments reflect some continuing concern (and much repetition of factual errors about the warhead), over the decision to assemble and stockpile the weapons, our responses to technical and policy questions are eliminating most factual errors in reporting and should leave no doubt as to the Administration's reasons for the decision.

There were so many factual mistakes and so much wrongly based opposition and so many reporters' questions showing real bias, I concluded the only way to get our story across was to go on the air. So on Monday morning, I appeared live on ABC's Good Morning America, CBS' Morning Show (and a second tape session with Dan Rather for the Evening News), and NBC's Today Show. In the early afternoon I was interviewed on Cable Network News and Independent Television News. That evening, I appeared on PBS' McNeil-Lehrer Report. Taken together, we reached an audience estimated at more than 71 million Americans.

Also in the afternoon, I was interviewed for the German television network, ARD, and met 20 Pentagon press corps print media reporters for an "on-the-record" conference. Finally, an article under my by-line appeared in the Washington Post on August 11.

Overall, I think we are turning the table on some of the unfavorable press coverage we received immediately following the announcement. There have been some favorable editorials, along with the expected negative ones in The Post and New York Times. I am confident that the American people are firmly behind us. Your responses to press questions today were great. (U)

Military Exercises:

UNITAS XXII - We are currently conducting Naval Exercise UNITAS XXII, the 22nd in a series of combined annual exercises in conjunction with eight South American countries.

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The exercise began in the Caribbean and circumnavigates South America. The final exercises are with the Ecuadorian Navy before passage through the Panama Canal and UNITAS terminates in Puerto Rico. The exercise is designed to improve the warfighting capability of the participating naval forces and also provides the U.S. the opportunity to show a presence, promote friendship, and evaluate, and gain familiarity with, South American armed forces. To date operations and battle problems have been conducted with Venezuela, Columbia and Brazil.

BRIEF REPLY 81 - Exercise BRIEF REPLY 81 was conducted August 3-6, by the Headquarters Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force (RDJTF). It was a communications exercise designed to follow up on communications problems identified in previous RDJTF exercises. The exercise included communications training between the RDJTF headquarters and signal elements from all four Services--the Army at Ft Bragg, NC; the Navy at Pearl Harbor; the Air Force at Robbins AFB, GA and the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, CA. As a result of BRIEF REPLY, the RDJTF's ability to communicate in a variety of situations was improved. (C)

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Navy Navigation Satellites: Our first NOVA Navigation Satellite was put in service last Friday. The Navy's Navigation Satellite System exists primarily to provide highly accurate position information to our ballistic missile submarines (SSBN) on patrol when they come close to the surface. Most nuclear attack submarines and some surface combatants are also equipped to obtain satellite position fixes. There are also numerous commercial users, including merchant ships and oil exploration firms.

Two types of satellites are now in use: the older OSCAR type and the new NOVA type.

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The present constellation consists of the one new NOVA and four OSCAR satellites. (C)

Gulf of Sidra Exercise: The notifications to Airmen and Mariners concerning our Sixth Fleet exercise in the Gulf of Sidra off Libya have been issued. I expect that Qadhafi will mount a serious propaganda campaign against this exercise and try to cast it as more "proof of U.S. aggression" against him. He may attempt to link it with the overlapping exercise the Egyptians have scheduled along Libya's eastern border. However, Egypt's Minister of Defense has told us that their exercise may be delayed to blunt Qadhafi's propaganda weapon. (TS)

Follow-Up Meeting with Egyptian Minister of Defense: I met again on Tuesday with General Abu Ghazala, the Egyptian Minister of Defense, after President Sadat returned to Egypt. We explained your decisions on the Egyptian Security Assistance program to him and pointed out the sensitivity and difficulty involved in making budget decisions for FY 1983 ahead of the normal time. Frank Carlucci has begun working with the Egyptians to be sure they remain within the resources we will make available and, at the same time, accomplish the much needed modernization of the Egyptian Armed Forces. The Egyptian Ambassador was also present. He said that President Sadat felt his meetings with you were very successful, and that there was "good chemistry" between the two of you. (S)

Weteye Chemical Munitions Movement: Two C-141 aircraft, each with 64 WETEYE bombs, left Stapleton International Airport, Denver, Colorado, on Wednesday, and arrived at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah without incident. This is the beginning of the movement of 888 WETEYE bombs and three one-ton containers of chemical munitions from Rocky Mountain Arsenal to Tooele Army Depot, Utah. The movement is expected to be completed prior to September 1. There were no demonstrations or other incidents to hinder the operation. (U)

Visit with Thai Ambassador Prok: Thai Ambassador Prok Amaranand called on me Tuesday to say how pleased the Thais were with your decision to lunch with Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanond in October. Ambassador Prok also expressed appreciation for the firm support Thailand has received from our Administration. In response to Ambassador Prok's request, I indicated that I would be pleased to meet with Prime Minister Prem while he is here since he also holds the Defense portfolio. (C)

F-16 Flight Control Problems: The Air Force has experienced 14 major F-16 accidents in which 10 aircraft have been destroyed. These accidents have been the subject of a number of recent news articles. Eleven of the accidents were caused by malfunctions not related to the flight-control system. Of the remaining three, one aircraft has yet to be recovered from the Great Salt Lake. The cause of the accident is undetermined. The most recent mishap, which occurred at Hill AFB on August 5, is still under investigation although eyewitnesses and films indicate a violent pitchover which usually means some kind of flight-control malfunction. The remaining accident was caused by a loss of electrical power to the flight-control computer and not by failure of the computer itself.

Following the most recent mishap, the Air Force grounded all F-16s. Our investigation of the flight-control mishap pointed to an unexpected surge of power when the Emergency

Power Unit had automatically turned on. Based on this accident and other flight incidents, the Air Force has made several design changes to protect against emergency power unit surges.

In spite of these problems, the F-16 still has the finest safety record of any Air Force single engine jet fighter. (U)

Meeting with Ambassador to China: I met with our Ambassador to China Arthur Hummel on Tuesday. We discussed the upcoming visit of PRC R&E Chief Liu Huaqing to the U.S. in late September and the review of the items which the Chinese want to buy. We discussed the tendency of the Chinese to purchase one of an item solely for the technology involved and not to purchase significant amounts of the item. I said that we had a positive attitude about the visit and wanted to be as forthcoming as possible while protecting our special mission areas. (S)

Air Traffic Controller Strike: We have deployed 660 military air traffic controllers (423 Air Force, 160 Army, 77 Navy) to 58 FAA air traffic control facilities. We are presently supplying military controllers as rapidly as FAA can identify locations and numbers of people required. Our current goal is to provide FAA with 1,000 military controllers within the next two weeks. Our initial assessment suggests that this level can be sustained over the next 120 days with a minimum impact on operational capability.

We are also assessing the impact on military operations of providing an additional 500 controllers as requested by the FAA Administrator. In addition, the use of Reserve/National Guard controllers and the training implications of the diversion of military controllers to FAA are being explored. (U)

Our Internal Budget Hearings: I have participated in our Department's budget hearings this week. These hearings enable us to look at several cost saving alternatives to the major requests of each Service. (U)

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