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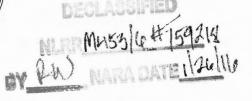
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Naval Aviation Safety Achievements: I am very pleased to report that 1982 was a banner year in naval aviation safety. Specific accomplishments included in CY 1982 flight operations were: highest number of flight hours since 1977 (2,027,026 hrs); Marine Corps—lowest mishap rate in history (6.13 per 100,000 flight hrs); Navy—lowest mishap rate in history (4.06 per 100,000 flight hrs); lowest number of aircraft destroyed on record (83); lowest number of fatalities since 1976 (74—third lowest on record); Navy/Marine carrier mishap rate lowest since 1977 (second lowest on record—152,803 carrier landings made). In addition to these statistics, the low number of mishaps also translates into the lowest dollar cost of aviation mishaps since 1979 (less than \$334 million), even though the average dollar value of aircraft is higher than in years past.

A great many factors contributed to the successes outlined above and it is not possible to say which factors contributed most. It is almost certain, however, that the additional Navy flying hours we have been able to fund contributed in a direct way to the readiness and proficiency of fleet pilots, which would account for improvements in the safety record. Also, our strong anti-drug program has been helpful. As mishap rates approach zero, further improvements become more difficult. But on the strength of last year's record breaking performance and the momentum achieved, we have set a Navy goal of no more than 4.0 mishaps per 100,000 flying hours for 1983. (U)

News Conference on Defense Budget Recommendations: As you know, I held a news conference Tuesday to announce my recommendations to you regarding Defense budget reductions.

As expected, I received many questions as to details of specific program cuts, precise personnel pay information, and possible additional reductions. I responded that much of the specific information they were seeking would be available when the budget itself is published and that I could not go into any greater detail until then. I also said that I believe additional cuts below those I recommended cannot be made without adverse impact on our rearming efforts.

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The statements of General Gabriel, Chief of the Air Force, about the pay cap were most unfortunate. I believe they stemmed largely from naivete and inability to avoid the minefields that are always established by the press.

The statement issued yesterday afternoon by General Barrow, as Acting Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, after I had meetings with him and General Gabriel, completely refuted any idea that they did or would oppose the pay cap or any other feature of the Budget. This was very helpful, but of course the Post and the New York Times featured only Gabriel and gave very little space, far down in the story, to General Barrow's statement.

As soon as the official announcement is made of the Government-wide notice of the pay cap, including Social Security recipients, I will send a message to all troops, explaining why the military could not be exempted and stating my strong desire that we make up for this missed pay increase next year. (U)

Visit with Australian Foreign Minister Anthony Street: Wednesday I met with Minister Tony Street to discuss current problems in Southeast Asia and other mutual defense interests. He was primarily interested in the current economic situation and recognized it as a major destabilizing element in Asia. I assured him that we recognize the problem and are expending maximum effort to improve the situation. I also encouraged him to continue support of the Five Power Defense Agreement (signatories: Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia and the UK) to enhance regional security.

In response to a series of questions he asked regarding our policy relevant to the PRC, arms control, and our presence in the Indian Ocean, I assured him that we intend to take a measured approach to our relations with the PRC, that we are committed to achieving equitable arms control agreements but will not accept an unbalanced agreement, and that we intend to maintain our naval presence in the Indian Ocean. He appeared comfortable with our policy and encouraged our interest and activity in the region. (C)

Visit with Sudanese President Gaafar Muhammed Nimeiri: I called on President Nimeiri at his Embassy yesterday after his medical check-up at Walter Reed. I expressed my pleasure at his clean bill of health and said that I was delighted he was paying us a return visit.

President Nimeiri's most pressing concern was the level of U.S. security assistance. I explained our problems under the Continuing Resolution and assured him that we appreciate the importance of Sudan, and noted that we will make every effort to get additional funds for Sudan from the new Congress.





Other issues that we discussed included the current status of the threat to Sudan from Libya and Ethiopia, the serious situation in Chad, the Iran-Iraq war (Sudan has sent 2,500 volunteers and 1,400 regular troops to assist Baghdad), and an indirect contact from the Iranian Crown Prince, Reza Pahlevi, son of the former Shah, proposing that 12-14,000 of his followers be trained in Sudan. President Nimeiri said that he intended to discuss Prince Reza's request with President Mubarak, but indicated that he thought there would be little support for the Crown Prince in Iran.

I brought up our interest in prepositioning U.S. Central Command supplies and material in Sudan and indicated that this was very important to us. He did not react negatively to the proposal, but avoided a commitment. While President Nimeiri's hesitancy in this matter has been conditioned by concerns about visibility and the wish to avoid any perception of a client-state relationship, I believe that his receptiveness will be further dependent on our providing what he considers a reasonable level of security assistance. (S)

AGENDA 83 Heritage Foundation Defense Critique: You may have seen media reports about the Heritage Foundation critique on the Department of Defense. They say that we are buying the "wrong" things and that costs are consistently underestimated, but it offers few recommendations or alternatives. It also charges a lack of progress in improving readiness. It does endorse some specific systems (e.g., diesel submarines, about which there is serious controversy; an antitank gun, which we have; A-10 airplanes, of which we have some 780 and do not need any more; etc.) but they do not set out a coherent defense program.

In sum, the article calls for the usual "structural and conceptual reform," without any definition or details on what this would entail. It appears to have been written with little reference to the actual accomplishments we have seen in the last two years, by a young attorney, not previously connected with defense, on contract to the Heritage Foundation. I am informed that Heritage Foundation does not support the article as one of their better efforts. The report is almost entirely lacking in credibility, extremely distorted, and, while we will not call undue attention to the article, we will be prepared to rebut it if and when we are challenged by Congress or others on the basis of its content. Of course the newspapers and television gave it full play, ignoring the inexperience of the author and the sponsoring organization, which ordinarily they criticize freely. (U)

Northern Mariana Islands Land Lease—a Follow—up: As I reported in my Weekly Report of December 17, we have been seeking an agreement for the past five years for Defense use of certain lands and waters around the Northern Marianas. I am pleased to





report that we accomplished that agreement last week when it was signed by representatives of Defense, Interior, and the Northern Marianas.

Under the terms of the lease, we are authorized the use of nearly 18,000 acres on Tinian, 177 acres of harbor and beach front on Saipan, and the entire uninhabited island of Farallon de Medinilla. The lease runs for 50 years, with an option to renew for another 50 years. The settlement figure agreed upon is \$33 million, which Congress appropriated in the last session. (U)

Commissioning of USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI: You will recall the controversy experienced in arriving at the name of the nuclear-powered Los Angeles class attack submarine USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI last year. I am pleased to report that we commissioned her last Saturday at the New London Submarine Base at Groton, Connecticut, without significant incident. John Tower was the principal speaker; he stressed the contribution the ship will make to our defense rebuilding effort and our long term national security. (U)

Semiannual Report on Audit, Inspection, and Investigative
Activities: In fulfillment of legal requirements, I submitted
to Congress my fourth semiannual report on specific activities
designed to increase efficiencies and economies, and to eliminate
waste, fraud, and abuse. The report covered the six month
period ending September 30, 1982.

Our internal auditors and reviewers produced 10,608 reports recommending thousands of possible economy and efficiency measures. Those which managers have already agreed to implement represent potential savings of approximately \$331 million in the coming years. Other recommendations entail some \$747 million in potential savings, some portion of which we are sure to realize this year.

In Defense systems contract audits, the validity of \$13 billion in costs were questioned. Of this sum, \$3.3 billion proved to be correctly challenged. In the same period \$21.4 million of \$25.7 million in costs in civil works contracts questioned by Army Corps of Engineers auditors were found to be correctly questioned.

Department criminal investigative agencies closed 6,151 fraud and larceny cases during the reporting period, about 39 percent of which involved larceny valued at more than \$1,000 each. Twenty-eight percent dealt with fraud in the pay and allowances area and another eight percent were related to non-appropriated funds. As a result of referrals to Justice, more than \$100,000 in fines and penalties were assessed and restitutions amounted to \$890,000. From cases referred to military commands, fines and penalties of almost \$500,000 were assessed and another \$6 million in restitutions and recoveries were achieved.





Although no one report can reveal the full extent of our continuous efforts in pursuit of economies and efficiencies, and elimination of waste, fraud, and abuse, I believe that a cursory review of this report shows the effectiveness of our efforts in this area. (U)

Air Force Small and Disadvantaged Business Goal Attainment: I am pleased to report that the Air Force achieved the FY 1982 goals that we set for them for small business contract setasides, small business subcontracting, and contract awards to small disadvantaged businesses. We assigned a prime contract goal of 12.6 percent, over \$3.4 billion in awards to small businesses. The actual accomplishments in FY 1982 were small business awards of \$3.45 billion. The fact the Air Force awarded \$3.45 billion to small businesses in FY 1982 is significant in that it was the second year in a row that prime contracts to such businesses increased by about one-half billion dollars and thereby set a new record.

The Air Force is continuing a comprehensive small and disadvantaged business utilization program in FY 1983. Because of large increases in prime contracts to large firms, they are emphasizing subcontracting with small and disadvantaged businesses since this area offers the greatest potential for increased participation by such businesses in Air Force procurement programs. (U)

U.S.-Jordan Joint Military Commission Meeting: U.S. and Jordanian military representatives met here last month to discuss a number of defense matters of mutual interest. Included in discussions were joint exercises, professional seminars, possible cooperation in mapping and charting, foreign military sales, and professional military education and training.

Preliminary talks were undertaken on letters of agreement for several weapon systems Jordan has requested that appear to be potential candidates for transfer, and we explained that other weapon systems they would like to acquire simply cannot be offered due to security of technology and maintainability considerations. We responded to Jordan's request for a U.S. multi-year credit funding commitment with the explanation that, while we appreciate their need for multi-year funding, Congress appropriates funds on a yearly basis. We indicated that we will resubmit previous legislation that was not approved by the last session of Congress to permit attendees at American military academies from countries that have not been permitted in the past.

I believe the meeting was productive and that we will be able to build on its accomplishments at the next meeting in Amman, in April or May. (S/NOFORN)





UK Cabinet Reshuffle: With the Government reshuffle announced by Prime Minister Thatcher last week, the UK Ministry of Defence will be headed by Michael Haseltine who replaced retiring Minister of Defence John Nott. The former Minister of State for Defence Procurement Tom Trenchard was replaced by former Defence Under Secretary Geoffrey Pattie.

We believe that Minister Haseltine will provide Mrs. Thatcher the leadership she needs to conduct an effective counteroffensive against the antinuclear forces in Great Britain. In light of the Labor Party's firm position for unilateral nuclear disarmament and the upcoming elections, Haseltine's oratorical skills will be put to good use during the campaign in defending Government policies on deployment of Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces in the UK and elsewhere in Europe. (C/NOFORN)

Pope Honors Chief of Chaplains: We were very pleased last week to learn that Pope John Paul II has honored the U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, Major General Patrick J. Hessian, by conferring upon him the Pontifical Honor of Prelate of Honor, with the title of Monsignor. The Pope conferred the honor in recognition of General Hessian's dedication to the work of the church and to the U.S. Army. General Hessian termed the action "... not only a personal honor but one for the Army Chaplaincy as well." (U)



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Visit with Italian Defense Minister Lelio Lagorio: Wednesday I had a very lively, friendly, and most successful discussion with Minister Lagorio and members of his staff. His biggest worry still centers on the imbalance of defense purchases between ourselves and Italy, and his desire that we buy more from them under our reciprocal Memorandum of Understanding on the subject.

I described all the reciprocal purchase projects we are looking at, as well as the progress we have made, but also explained



the rising buy-American mood we are facing in the Congress. The Italians have been and are staunch allies and we listed a number of ways in which we can buy more from them. Many of these are dependent on Congress permitting these foreign purchases. Minister Lagorio indicated that they hope to be able to aid in rebuilding the Lebanese Army and are seeking to work with us to let them supply some items to provide this assistance. Our talks seemed to be greatly appreciated by Lagorio. I think they laid a good foundation for his follow-on talks with Vice President Bush. (C)

Visit with Tunisian Defense Minister Baly: I met briefly today with Minister Baly at his request to discuss their strong desire for more military assistance. The Minister reiterated his continued worry about Libya and stressed the importance of our military assistance program. He made a plea for additional foreign military sales credits and grants, and military assistance program funds as he is aware of the strong possibility that the Administration's request for \$140M for Tunisia in FY 83 might be significantly reduced. We gave them \$90 million in 1982. Minister Baly asked that we examine once more the possibility of accelerating delivery of material currently on order such as M60A3 tanks. I told him we would do all we could to persuade Congress to appropriate additional funds, but indicated that the outlook is not promising. I also said that we are looking into the possibility of delivering 13 of the tanks in the spring of 1984.

Minister Baly invited me to visit Tunisia and suggested this May as an appropriate time, possibly in conjunction with an early meeting of the U.S.-Tunisia Joint Military Commission (the JMC meeting is currently scheduled for September). I thanked him for the invitation and indicated that we will consider his suggestion for an early JMC meeting. (C)

Maritime Prepositioning Ship (TAKX) Program: Last week we exercised our options for the long-term charter of auxiliary cargo ship (TAKX) services for prepositioning combat equipment and stores near the scene of potential conflicts. Thirteen of these ships are now under contract—five new construction and eight conversions of existing merchant vessels. The U.S. Merchant Marine will operate them over a 25-year charter period to enhance force responsiveness and flexibility. The first increment of the thirteen ships will be on station with the equipment for one Marine Amphibious Brigade in December 1984, the second in September 1985, and the third in March 1986, completing the planned Maritime Prepositioning Force 18 months ahead of schedule.

In addition to the military advantages, this program provides a needed economic boost to the U.S. Merchant Marine and the U.S. shipbuilding industry. The contracts rely on U.S. flag shipping manned by American merchant sailors. The impact on the shipbuilding base is dramatic and will preclude the closing of three



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shipyards. Conversion of five ships will keep the Bethlehem Steel yards at Sparrows Point, Maryland and Beaumont, Texas in operation through September 1985. New construction of five ships will keep the Quincy, Massachusetts facility in operation through March 1986. Conversion of three additional ships will help to level out the workload at the National Steel and Shipbuilding facility at San Diego.

Overall, this program will have a positive impact on the flexibility of military strategy, the future of the U.S. Merchant Marine, and the maintenance of that portion of the U.S. shipbuilding industrial base which has historically provided commercial shipping and off-shore oil rigs. Moreover, the program will be completed 18 months ahead of schedule and will be under the original cost estimates for both shippard work and charter hire. (U)

Lebanese Army Modernization Plan (LAMP) -- Status: Efforts continue to enable the Lebanese Army to provide for the security of their own territory. To date, all 124 armored personnel carriers, four of the eight command post carriers, all 24 recoilless rifles, over 400 of approximately 1000 wheeled vehicles, all 700 items of telephone equipment, and nearly all the tentage, personal equipment, and uniform items identified for delivery have been made available to the Lebanese freight forwarder. Most of the remaining items will be delivered on schedule by the end of February.

The Letters of Agreement for the Near Term Phase (LAMP II) are being finished, and we expect to provide these to the Lebanese by the end of the month. These letters contain additional equipment for a fifth brigade, to be delivered as the Lebanese can absorb it, hopefully by the end of June, 1983.

The success of the LAMP depends not only on our ability to provide the equipment (which will not be an easy task due to depletion of immediately available depot stocks), but also on the ability of the Lebanese to recruit and train personnel to use and maintain the equipment. At this point, the Lebanese have not been able to meet recruiting quotas, and the training being provided is not adequate. With this in mind, we will accelerate deliveries of LAMP II and later requirements only to the extent that the Lebanese can accept and employ the equipment. (C)

Replacement of Sinai Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) Element: We will be sending approximately eight hundred soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to the Sinai in February for a six month tour of duty as the third U.S. contingent to serve with the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). They will comprise the main U.S. military element of the MFO and will replace members of the 101st Airborne, who will return to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, after serving with the MFO since last August. You may



have read the media accounts of injuries to two U.S. soldiers with the MFO from a blast of an old mine in the southern Sinai on Monday.

Approximately 350 other soldiers from various support units will also deploy for six months duty with the MFO Logistics Support Unit to provide administrative, financial, medical, logistics, maintenance and transportation support. (C)

Two Air Force Officers Among Top Young Men: We were happy to learn last week of the selection of two Air Force Officers to the ranks of the U.S. Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Men of America. Major Frank Klotz, currently a White House Fellow serving as Special Assistant to Deputy Secretary of State Ken Dam, and Captain Felix Sanchez, an instructor at the U.S. Air Force Academy, were judged with hundreds of other nominees by 12 specific criteria: personal improvement, financial success and economic innovation, social improvement to major contemporary problems, philanthropic contributions or voluntary service, governmental service, scientific or technological contributions, accomplishment, moral and religious leadership, and success in the influence of public opinion.

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Indictments in \$13 Million Bid Rigging Scheme: We announced last week the indictment of six individuals in connection with some 1300 contracts let through the Defense Industrial Support Center in Philadelphia. The indictments culminate approximately two years of investigation by the Naval Investigative Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the alleged leak of procurement information.

The defendants were charged with a number of offenses including criminal conspiracy, conflict of interest, bribery of government officials, racketeering, fraud by wire, false claims, and bid rigging. One defendant is alleged to have received as much as \$50,000 in bribes from various contractors for providing technical data used to enhance their bidding position on Defense contracts.

The contracts in question were let during the period November 1978 through February 1982, and had a total value of \$13 million. The contractors were responsible for furnishing various items of hardware, many of which were counterfeited and made to appear like the items required by the contracts. The cumulative penalties for the individuals and companies involved could range up to a maximum of 327 years imprisonment and \$1,059,000 in fines. I believe these indictments are further testament to our concentrated battle against fraud and abuse. (U)





First F-16s Arrive in Pakistan: After the difficulties we encountered regarding the transfer of the first F-16 fighters to Pakistan due to their reluctance to accept them without our ALR-69 radar warning receivers, I am happy to report that we delivered the first three of them last week. Their arrival was greeted by banner headlines and photographs in Pakistan and a general outpouring of support for President Zia by the welcoming crowd. President Zia is scheduled to attend the formal ceremony celebrating the arrival of the F-16s next Wednesday. (C)



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The Letters of Agreement for the Near Term Phase (LAMP II) are being finished, and we expect to provide these to the Lebanese by the end of the month. These letters contain additional equipment for a fifth brigade, to be delivered as the Lebanese can absorb it, hopefully by the end of June, 1983.

The success of the LAMP depends not only on our ability to provide the equipment (which will not be an easy task due to depletion of immediately available depot stocks), but also on the ability of the Lebanese to recruit and train personnel to use and maintain the equipment. At this point, the Lebanese have not been able to meet recruiting quotas, and the training being provided is not adequate. With this in mind, we will accelerate deliveries of LAMP II and later requirements only to the extent that the Lebanese can accept and employ the equipment. (C)

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have read the media accounts of injuries to two U.S. soldiers with the MFO from a blast of an old mine in the southern Sinai on Monday.

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The contracts in question were let during the period November 1978 through February 1982, and had a total value of \$13 million. The contractors were responsible for furnishing various items of hardware, many of which were counterfeited and made to appear like the items required by the contracts. The cumulative penalties for the individuals and companies involved could range up to a maximum of 327 years imprisonment and \$1,059,000 in fines. I believe these indictments are further testament to our concentrated battle against fraud and abuse. (U)



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