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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report of Defense Activities (U)

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NLRR M453/7 #159759

BY RW NARA DATE 1/22/2017

Congratulations from the Men and Women of the Department of Defense (DoD): The men and women of DoD, who are proud to have served with you during the past four years, send you their heartiest congratulations on the resounding endorsement the American people have given your policies. They and I are excited about the prospects for the future that will result from your next four years as President and Commander-in-Chief.

I gave you my personal congratulations Tuesday night in Los Angeles. I can only add that after nineteen years of working with you and seeing you in action, I continue to be delighted and deeply gratified with the leadership, and the new and far better ideas you have given to the nation, and, I have to add, at the way you have continuously confounded your critics and the conventional wisdom. (U)

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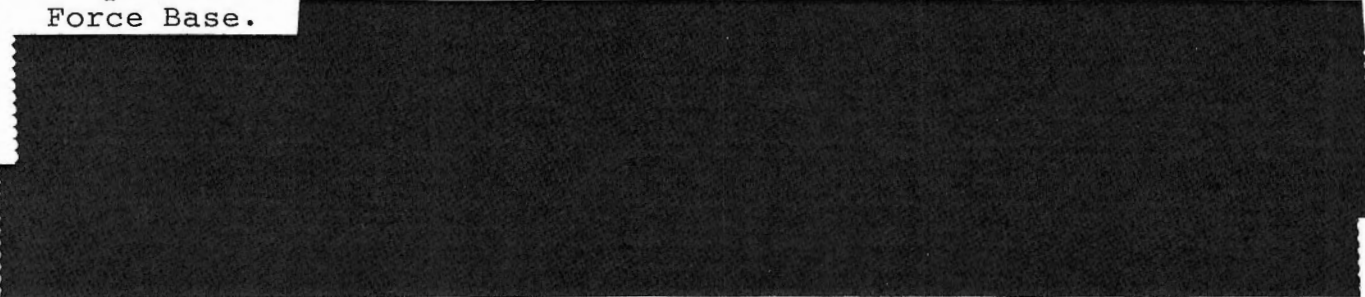
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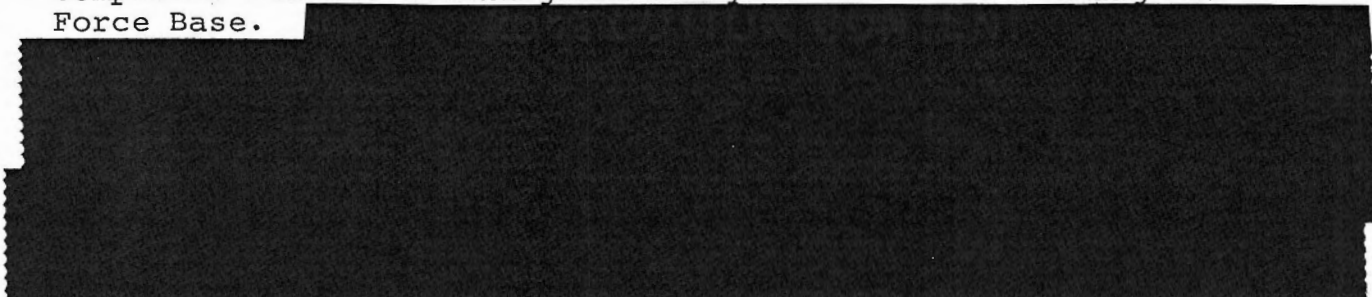
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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



December 7, 1984

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report of Defense Activities (U)

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Deputy Secretary Taft's Meeting with U.K. Minister of State for Defence Procurement: Will Taft met on Tuesday with Adam Butler, the new United Kingdom Minister of State for Defence Procurement. Mr. Butler reaffirmed U.K. determination to continue with the TRIDENT, despite considerable political pressures from the Opposition and Tory backbenchers over the cost of the program and a possible resulting decrease in conventional capabilities. He also indicated that there is likely to be zero real growth in the U.K. defense budget beyond FY 1985-1986. Will pointed out that reduced growth in allied defense spending lends support to those who favor the Nunn Amendment. Mr. Butler also reported in rather glowing terms the progress he believes the Independent European Program Group is making in fostering intra-European arms cooperation. (U)

Visit to the United States by Navy Delegation from the People's Republic of China (PRC): A 12 man PRC Navy delegation headed by Chen Youming, Chief of the Navy Equipment Department of the People's Liberation Army, is currently in the United States for meetings and discussions with DoD on naval surface warfare technology. The delegation arrived in Washington on November 11 and conducted two and one-half weeks of talks with DoD and State Department representatives in the Pentagon before traveling to various military and contractor facilities. The PRC Defense Minister's son, Zhang Pin, is the deputy leader of the delegation. The Chinese Navy delegation will return to Washington for three days of talks next week before departing for China. (S)

Increase in Congressional Action Requirements: As you know, many Congressional committee reports on the DoD authorization and appropriation bills contain requirements for action by DoD. Some of these actions are quite simple, while others require that a complex report or study be furnished Congress. These Congressional directions have increased significantly over the past 15 years.

For example, the number of reports and studies requested has increased from 36 in FY 1970 to 458 in FY 1985, an increase of almost 1200 percent. To illustrate, this year a single Congressional staff member was able to get 32 reporting requirements included in his section of a committee report. The number of line item dollar adjustments to our budget request has also increased substantially over the same period--184 percent in the appropriation bills, and 631 percent in the authorization bills; the latter increase was due largely to the increased extent of authorization coverage.

Additionally, the number of statutory provisions affecting us in their bills also has increased by 233 percent, despite our

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annual recommendation that many of these statutory provisions be deleted. Many of the general statutes impose burdensome restrictions and limitations on the Department, all of which are legally binding.

In spite of the tremendous workload imposed by these requirements, Congress continues to reduce our headquarters staffing as well as cut our request for funds to conduct such studies and analyses. For some reason, they fail to recognize the inordinate amount of time and effort that must be devoted to these studies. This failure can have important effects, as illustrated by Senator Goldwater's comments to the press this week about favoring reductions in the size of the Pentagon staff.

When I testify before the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees on the FY 1986 Defense Posture, I will point this out and seek their cooperation in scaling back the number of directed actions. (U)

Assignment of the C-5 GALAXY to the Air Force Reserve: Last Saturday we ushered in a new era in Reserve force readiness with the arrival at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas of the first C-5 aircraft to be assigned to an Air Force Reserve unit. You may recall that Reserve crews have been flying the C-5, but these have been "associate" wings in which the aircraft were assigned to and maintained by active units.

General Thomas Ryan, CINCMAC, flew the C-5 into Kelly where the new C-5 unit, the 433rd Military Airlift Wing, held a welcoming ceremony for local civic leaders, congressmen, and members of the wing. (U)

Radioactive Waste Shipments: A recent inspection by the Department of Transportation of a radioactive waste disposal contractor revealed that some shippers were not in compliance with federal regulations governing the shipment of hazardous materials. The Army, in order to correct this situation, is intensively reviewing its training requirements, regulations, and quality control procedures. This concerted effort will strengthen compliance with federal regulations for the shipment of hazardous materials. (U)

Exercise AFRICAN EAGLE 84: Last Saturday we began AFRICAN EAGLE 84, which is a small-scale semiannual exercise conducted in northern Morocco. The purpose of this exercise is to provide air defense training for the Moroccan air defense system and to conduct dissimilar air combat tactics training between forces of the U.S. Air Force and the Royal Moroccan Air Force. The exercise will end December 14. (C)

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Exercise VIGILANT OVERVIEW 85-1: VIGILANT OVERVIEW began Tuesday and ended today. This was a worldwide space and missile warning command post exercise involving the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia. Its purpose was to exercise NORAD and supporting commands in the detection of objects, processing of data, and generation of tactical warning and attack assessment information. Procedures associated with appropriate operation plans were also exercised, and a scenario leading to and including simulated nuclear attack was used. (S)

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