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AWACS BRIEFING:

Monday, October 19, 1981, 2:45 PM Family Theater, White House

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RICK SELLERS, Washington Director of the American Security Council requested this briefing

TBM 370 Cemputer in AWACS.

The American Security Council is the biggest foreign policy and defense organization in the country. They have been very strong supporters of the President. They are in support of the sale of the AWACS to Saudi Arabia, and they have requested this briefing in order to give additional technological information to their members.

They will be briefed by:

Under Secretary of State James Buckley - who will discuss the political background

Col. Robert Lilac - Air Force, Saudi Arabia division - who will discuss the technological background.

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POSSIBILITY OF:

Richard Allen, National Security Council - will stop by

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OTHER ADMINISTRATION PEOPLE POSSIBLY ATTENDING:

Powell Moore , Office of Congressional Affairs

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To:

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Appointments Center Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 19 81 of Office of Public Liaison Morton Blackwell LILAC, ROBERT - Col. BUCKLEY, JAMES - Under Secretary of State JONES, A.W. BLOUNT, HOUSTON GOODRICH, HENRY BRADSTON, DONALD GRAHAM, HENRY - General SHAW, W.J. WOOD, J.E. III HARBART, JOHN III GILBERT, ROY JERNIGAN, CARL WEST, JOHN Gorner ambassador to Saudi arabia MOORER, THOMAS - Admiral REAK, OSCAR DUBINA, JOEL MC LENORE, THOMAS FOLMAR, JAMES MANGUM, PHILIP KERSHAW, KNOX NAVELL, ED ROGERS, CHARLES HARPER, GARY MORGAN, HUGH MURRARY, WILLIAM K. SELLERS, RICHARD D. MAKRIS, ANTHONY S. MAKRIS, DONNA CARMICHAEL, MARION -WERMUTH, MIKE STEWART, WALTER J. BATTLE, BILL -MEETING LOCATION Requested by Morton Blackwell White House Family Theater Room No. 191 Telephone 2657 Time of Meeting 2:45 PM October 19, 1981 Date of request ___

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

October 19, 1981

TO:

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FROM:

Kathy Christiansen

Late on Friday, Oct. 16, I received a call from the American Security Council requesting a briefing for Monday, Oct. 19, at 3 PM concerning the sale of AWACS. Morton and I discussed this, and he requested that if this were at all feasible, I should go ahead and set it up. As of 10 AM this morning, we have the Family Theater and Col. Lilac and Under Secretary of State Buckley.

We are proceeding to make the final arrangements.

If you have any questions or feel there are problems, please let us know.

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 19, 1981

TO: Ramona Smith - Social Office

FROM: Kathy Christiansen - Morton Blackwell's office

Office of Public Liaison

Per our telephone conversation, I am confirming our briefing in the Family Theater this afternoon, Monday, Oct. 19 from 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM for approximately 35 people from the American Security Council. They will be briefed by Col. Robert Lilac and Under Secretary of State James Buckley concerning the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia.

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- 21. Ed Navell
- 22. Charles Rogers
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63rd NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION HELD IN HONOLULU, HAWAII SEPTEMBER 1-3, 1981

RESOLUTION 87

COMMITTEE:

National Security

SUBJECT:

AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, future demands on our surveillance, warning and control capabilities in support of tactical air operations, particularly in the context of a European conflict, will be quite severe; and

WHEREAS, an AWACS system has been developed by the U.S. Air Force consisting of an advanced radar system mounted in a Boeing 707 F-3A aircraft with associated data processing and communication equipment; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental requirement for AWACS is driven by the rapidly growing ability of Soviet built aircraft to penetrate defenses at very low altitudes, screened from the view of ground radar systems; and

WHEREAS, flight demonstrations in Europe, as well as in the United States, have confirmed the ability of AWACS to inter-operate with the NATO air defense system and to provide unprecedented long-range airborne surveillance and warning that are vital for credible deterrence in peacetime and for the precise control of forces engaged in combat in the event of conflict; and

WHEREAS, the AWACS can be deployed to any region of the world, and immediately begin its mission of surveillance, warning or direction of air-to-air or air-to-surface combat operations and its inherent mobility, coupled with its long-range enabling it to perform its mission while remaining outside the threat area of enemy surface-to-air missiles or fighter aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the view provided decision makers by AWACS of the battle area and the collection and dissemination of on-time data such as position and track information on enemy aircraft and ships and the location and status of friendly ground troops will improve by order of magnitude the centralized, timely management of national assets; and

WHEREAS, complementing our national AWACS program is our planned participation in the proposed NATO AWACS program, the largest, single commonly funded project ever undertaken by NATO; and

WHEREAS, the AWACS will also be an essential element of our air defense system in the United States—a role which has acquired even greater significance in view of the new Soviet supersonic bomber, the Backfire, and the long-term reduction in size of our dedicated air defense interceptor force; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Honolulu, Hawaii, September 1-3, 1981, that we urge the Administration and the Congress to continue to support the U.S. Air Force and its efforts to procure a sufficient number of AWACS to meet national defense requirements, now and in the future.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON OFFICE

September 29, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mort:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the VFW News Release regarding the AWACs sale to Saudi Arabia.

No one in the Administration requested this release; however, I am sure they would appreciate any help they can receive "free gratis" at this point. We certainly feel our organization's support is the right position for the security of our nation.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely your friend,

COOPER T. HOLT Executive Director

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NEWS Release

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"THE VOICE OF TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION MEN AND WOMEN OF THE V.EW. AND ITS AUXILIARY"

FOR RELEASE:

IMMEDIATELY (23 SEPTEMBER 1981)

VFW SUPPORTS PRESIDENT REAGAN ON AWACS SALE

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Arthur J. Fellwock, National Commander of the two million member VFW, today called upon the 97th Congress, "particularly the U. S. Senate," not to block the proposed AWACs package sale to Saudi Arabia.

The Indiana-born VFW leader declared that "Secretary of State Haig placed this issue in wide and persuasive form in his recent statement to the Senate Foreign Relations

Committee. I urge each United States Senator to consider very closely the compelling message of the Secretary of State before casting a vote against President Reagan, on whose behalf Haig was speaking."

(Secretary Haig's testimony concluded: "We must not let our friends' worries about one another diminish our commitment to their security or hinder our plans to extend strategic cooperation with them. We are taking steps to assure that Israeli concerns are met, just as we are seeking to assure moderate Arab nations that our developing strategic cooperation with Israel is directed against Soviet intervention and not against the Arabs. Unless we are able to work effectively with all our friends in the region, our security, the security of Israel and peace itself will be endangered.")

The VFW leader concluded by noting that "my statement is not merely the expression of a personal view. It arises from a duly mandated position of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States which was unanimously adopted at our 82nd National Convention held

last August in Philadelphia and, more recently affirmed as a priority security goal for 1981-1982.

"In furtherance of this mandate, I enclose herewith a memorandum setting forth, in detail, the rationale for our position."

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(Enclosure)



OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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SECURITY COMMITTEE, NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ROA BACKS ADMINISTRATION ON AWACS SALE

Washington, D.C., Sept 14 - Major General Evan L. Hultman, President of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States (ROA), announced today that the 128,000 member organization backs President Reagan's plan to sell the Defense Enhancement Package to Saudi Arabia. The most important item in this strategic package is the E-3A Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS).

He said the decision to go on record in support of the Administration on this issue was made by the ROA Executive Committee after full discussion and deliberation. He explained that officials of ROA, which was chartered by Congress to advise on matters of national security, consider the sale in the national interest of the United States.

ROA is a long-time advocate of a strong national defense and has worked with present and previous administrations and Congress toward that objective.

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Dear Mrs.

As we discussed at the this morning, attached



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to the Presi H for Public Liaison Washington, DC 20500 Elizabeth The White House Honorable Assistant

Again, I thoroughly enjoyed your the President on the Saudi presentation 40

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IMMEDIATELY (23 SEPTEMBER 1981)

VFW SUPPORTS PRESIDENT REAGAN ON AWACS SALE

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Arthur J. Fellwock, National Commander of the two million member VFW, today called upon the 97th Congress, "particularly the U. S. Senate," not to block the proposed AWACs package sale to Saudi Arabia.

The Indiana-born VFW leader declared that "Secretary of State Haig placed this issue in wide and persuasive form in his recent statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I urge each United States Senator to consider very closely the compelling message of the Secretary of State before casting a vote against President Reagan, on whose behalf Haig was speaking."

(Secretary Haig's testimony concluded: "We must not let our friends' worries about one another diminish our commitment to their security or hinder our plans to extend strategic cooperation with them. We are taking steps to assure that Israeli concerns are met, just as we are seeking to assure moderate Arab nations that our developing strategic cooperation with Israel is directed against Soviet intervention and not against the Arabs. Unless we are able to work effectively with all our friends in the region, our security, the security of Israel and peace itself will be endangered.")

The VFW leader concluded by noting that "my statement is not merely the expression of a personal view. It arises from a duly mandated position of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States which was unanimously adopted at our 82nd National Convention held

last August in Philadelphia and, more recently affirmed as a priority security goal for 1981-1982.

"In furtherance of this mandate, I enclose herewith a memorandum setting forth, in detail, the rationale for our position."

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Mr. Morton Blackwell The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

We sent letters such as the attached one to the 17 Senators reported by the American Security Council as the best prospects for persuasion to support the President. They are listed on the back of the letter.

If there are others you think we should write, let me know.

Sincerely.

JOHN P. SHEFFEY

Executive Vice President

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Enclosure: as stated.



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October 8, 1981

The Honorable Mark Andrews U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Andrews:

You certainly need no explanation of the importance of our continued access to Persian Gulf oil. How best to insure that access can only be a matter of political and military judgement, and only time will tell what decisions are the right ones.

In the current state of turmoil in the Middle East, an air attack on Persian Gulf oil producing facilities could come from any one of several sources. The recent Iranian attack on Kuwait facilities is an example. It is certainly in our interest that the Saudi Arabians have an effective early warning system and that we participate in its operation.

I believe that the President's decision to provide AWACS to the Saudi Arabians is the right one. It does involve risks, but there are far greater risks in refusal. The Saudis are going to obtain similar equipment from the British or the French if they fail to obtain it from us. If we hazard our welcome in Saudi Arabia and lose long-term U.S. participation in their use of AWACS, the risk to U.S. interests will be far greater than those we will incur in the President's plan.

Supporting the opposition of Israel when the President, the Secretary of State, and the Joint Chief of Staff all recommend sale MAJ GEN USA, Member Emeritus of AWACS to Saudi Arabia can only alienate the Arab countries and LT GEN USAF, Member Emeritaindermine the President's ability to conduct foreign policy.

I urge that you support our President in this issue.

Sincerely,

OREN E. HURLBUT, LTG, USA (Ret) Chairman

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Attached letter sent to the following Senators:

David Durenberger

Mark Andrews

Don Nickles

Harrison Schmitt

Patrick Leahy

Robert Kasten

Lloyd Bentsen

Howell Heflin

Frank Murkowski

James Exon

Mack Mattingly

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Gordon Humphrey